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Pulling Out of Port

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Opening Remarks

Buddy

The music-loving portion of the *Beachcomber* community—most of us, I'd say—got some devastating news early in the week when we learned that the talented young vocalist **Buddy Brumit** died in an automobile accident on Okaloosa Island early Sunday morning.

Buddy was an up-and-comer on the music scene. His duo Gold & Motion (with guitarist Trent Hays) dropped a couple excellent tracks in late 2018, "Lost and Found" and "Organic Love." I hope there are some more songs in the can. Mr. Hays assures Facebook fans he'll be posting some videos later on, but obviously he'll need some time to grieve.

We all will.

Just two days before his tragic death, Buddy responded to something I posted on Facebook. I'm a great fan of those World Music Network *Rough Guide to...* compilations (the latest being Eastern Europe and Women of the World) and called on my friends to submit song choices for a *Rough Guide to Beachcomberland*, which I'd at least put out there as a Spotify playlist.

Along with Bob Cushing, Buddy was the ONLY musician that posted a specific song, the aforementioned "Lost and Found." And he went Bob one better by including the link to the tune.

Thanks, Buddy.

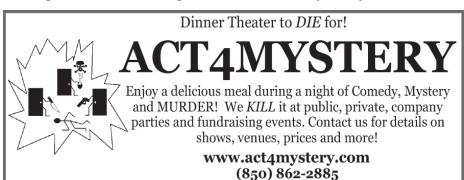
Love, Editor Manson

RED BAR UPDATE

Grayton Beach's The Red Bar is apparently so awesome they were the only Beachcomberland venue to make it onto *Southern Living* magazine's Best Southern Bars list in the April 2019 issue. And they're not even open right now! Hopefully the honor will speed up the rebuild.



Gwen and Erin from the Panama City NEWS HERALD with BEACHCOMBER design and website genius Tosha Manke during Editor Manson's recent trip to the pressroom.





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This Issue's Contributors

Bill Kober (Cover) is a student at the University of West Florida, where he's majoring in graphic design with a concentration in photography. After retiring from the United States Air Force (24 years of service!), Bill started working for SAIC as a contractor, then switched to civil service. He was medically retired after four years.

In 2016, Bill returned to school to complete his graphic design degree. He is currently an intern with the Pensacola Ice Flyers as one of the team photographers.

Joe Fuller, a/k/a Beachcomber Music Awards Hall of Famer JoE Fingas ("Woody Still Matters"), is known for his solo shows and rocking performances with the Fort Walton Beach blues band Finga FAYA. He's been a mainstay of the Northwest Florida music community for 30 years. Joe has been writing songs, poems, stories and essays since elementary school and is currently working on a novel. He hopes to complete an opera about his sainted brother by year's end.

Seagrove Beach resident **Nikki Hedrick** ("Stranger Things...") is a photographer and longtime *Beachcomber* contributor. She is the co-owner of 850 Music and Entertainment, and wears a few other hats, too. Nikki is currently up to her ears in beach wedding season.

Clay Jones (Cartoons) syndicates his cartoons daily to publications across the country. Clay was born in Fort Hood, Texas, and was raised in Louisiana, Illinois, California and Georgia. He currently lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia. His cartoons have recently been featured on CNN, and he was a finalist for the 2019 Herblock Prize.

Subscribe to the **Claytoonz** YouTube channel and watch Clay Jones create his masterpieces and demystify the whole cartooning thing.

Opening Remarks continued...

Oli Petit comments: "It's almost as cool as winning a Beachcomber award!" Oli's great, so I'm leaving The Red Bar in *Beachcomber*'s Restaurant Guide for now.

COMING APRIL 25 - OUR FIRST EVER "LIST ISSUE"

Calling on all *Beachcomber* readers to submit their own lists, using Dave Marsh's *The Book of Rock Lists* (and going back even further, the original *Book of Lists* by Wallace-Wallace-Wallechinsky, 1977) as a reference point.

The idea is to highlight local spots, but if you're an artist-author-musician-chef-bartender-actor-comedian-whatever, something related to your field of expertise would be lovely. Email your lists (comments not necessary, but if so, keep 'em brief) to **chris@beachcomberdestin.com** by Thursday, **April 18** please.

Some of our regular features will be in the April 25 edition, and the others will return May 9 (unless we decide to do the *Beachcomber Coloring Book* for that one, stay tuned).

YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS

My wife and I made a recent trip down to Santa Rosa Beach from Tallahassee and walked into a coffee shop for a wakeup shot of caffeine. Being the news hound I am, I picked up a copy of the *Beachcomber*, that I was heretofore unaware existed. My expectations were not high because of my ignorance of this publication.

What followed was a thorough appreciation of your efforts. It began by my surprise of Carl Hiaasen's column! I love Carl—went to college with Carl and nearly worship the sand he walks on. Then I see the fabulous cartoons by Clay Jones. I guess I was thinking that this area must be a haven for the Trump cult. Am I ever pleased to learn there is at least one loud voice in opposition!

I read the entire publication with glee. I must admit that I turned to page 24 to read your April Fool's story, only to learn it didn't exist and was your April Fool's joke on this unsuspecting reader! Good one!

Dawn Bright is a kick, and police remarks to speeders was hilarious, as well as your "moral support" staffers.

Many thanks for such a wonderful reading experience.

- A New Fan, Bill Day

Editor's Note: Bill Day is an (excellent) editorial cartoonist, and you can (and should) check out his work.

NWF State College Part 1 – Big Wins for Marketing and PR Team

Northwest Florida State College recently won silver and a bronze awards from the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations (NCMPR).

NWF State College won a silver award in the "Original Photography – Manipulated" category. The winning photo was used on the college's social media accounts to promote the NWFSC basketball teams' blackout games which debuted the teams' all black uniforms. The photo was manipulated by adding backlight, accentuating the player's muscles and enhancing contrast.

The college was awarded a bronze designation for its Twitter profile's design, content, engagement, strategy, effectiveness and frequency of posts. The college's Twitter entry included their use of the hashtags **#TheBestIsOurStandard** and **#IMPACT** that are commonly used in tweets to drive cultural change.

NCMPR's prestigious Paragon Awards recognize outstanding achievement in design and



Award-winning photo.

communication at community and technical colleges. It's the only national competition of its kind that honors excellence exclusively among marketing and public relations professionals at two-year colleges.



NWF State College Strategic Communications Team.

This year's competition drew 1,939 entries from 262 colleges across the country. The winners were announced at NCMPR's 2019 national conference on March 25 in San Antonio, Texas.

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NWF State College Part 2 – Collegiate High Schoolers Dominate at Math Bowl

High school teams from all across northwest Florida competed in the 32nd annual Math Bowl at Northwest Florida State College on Friday, March 8. This year's event was made possible through a partnership with Team Eglin and the Munitions Directorate.

"It is a great privilege to continue to host our annual Math Bowl," said **Dr. Devin Stephenson,** NWF State College president. "Through this unique event, some of the brightest young minds within the northwest Florida region can observe firsthand how our outstanding personnel make NWF State College a truly student-focused institution."

After a daylong competition consisting of written exams and ciphering matches, an awards ceremony was held for the event's team and individual winners.

TEAM WINNERS

Class X. South Walton (first), Chipley (second), Seacoast (third).

Class Y. Collegiate High School at NWF State College (first), Gulf Breeze (second), Pensacola Catholic (third).

Class Z. Rickards (first), Lincoln (second), Niceville (third).

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

Class X. Mark Fisher, South Walton (first); Leo Pan, Chipley (second); Isabella Sniadecki, South Walton (third).

Class Y. Teertho Bhattacharya, Collegiate High (first); Eric Fowler, Collegiate High (second); Yen Nguyen, Pensacola Catholic (third).

Class Z. Dylan Epstein-Gross, Rickards (first);



From left—math geniuses Matthew Nguyen, Teertho Bhattacharya, Eric Fowler, and Collin McGovern.

Rayyan Darji, Rickards (second); Rohan Davidi, Rickards (third).

In addition to trophies for individual and team winners, the highest scoring student from each

class and school were also given \$10 gift cards from assorted restaurants. Door prizes were also handed out during the event thanks to generous sponsor donations.

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FULL OF COMPLICATIONS SHOULDN'T BE ONE OF THEM LOCATIONS IN ALABAMA, GEORGIA & TENNESSEE VISIT FIVE-BAR, COM & SEE HOW SIMPLE DINING OUT SHOULD BE

News from Beachcomberland

Gumbo Fest Benefits Sandestin Kids

In March, the 30th Annual Sandestin are encouraged to sample and vote Gumbo Festival, one of the most popular winter food events along Florida's Emerald Coast, presented \$3,300 to the Sandestin Foundation for Kids. The proceeds were awarded as a direct result of the time Sandestin Foundation for Kids volunteers gave to support the two-day event, held over President's Day weekend at The Village of Baytowne Wharf at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort.

"Gumbo Fest has grown to be such a great event at Baytowne offering guests the opportunity to sample gumbos and Bloody Marys, each with its own take on presentation and flavor, from many of our local restaurants," said Alan Meyers, Village of Baytowne Wharf executive director. "Our sponsors, community partners, locals and visitors alike make this and all our events possible allowing us to provide funding to local nonprofits. We are proud to support and present the proceeds to the Sandestin Foundation for Kids."

This year's festival saw the addition of the "Best Bloody Mary at the Beach" to the gumbo competition. Throughout the festival, attendees

for their favorite gumbo and Bloody Marys. Prizes were awarded in multiple categories. Second place winner Dewey Destin's Seafood Restaurant added their winnings to the donation.

"The mission of the Sandestin Foundation for Kids is to make a meaningful and positive difference in the lives of children and families, and with the support of events such as the Sandestin Gumbo Festival, we continue to impact children's lives one at a time throughout the Emerald Coast and abroad," said Sara Becnel, Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort vice-president of development and cotrustee of the Sandestin Foundation for Kids.

"It's humbling to see so many volunteers come out to make a difference in these children's lives and the additional support from businesses who gave their time and their prize money."

The 31st Annual Sandestin Gumbo Festival is set for Feb. 14-15, 2020. For more information, visit SandestinGumboFestival.com.





When Mass-Shooting Conspiracy Theorists Go Low, Then They Go Even Lower

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

Once again, a cross-country slime trail leads to Florida:

Last year, one day after the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, a training coordinator for the National Rifle Association reached out to a loony-bird conspiracy theorist in Seminole County to help discredit the police version of the crime.

The NRA drooler is named Mark Richardson.

The Florida drooler is a character named Wolfgang Halbig, who briefly worked as a state trooper and has spent years pushing the nauseating theory that the 2012 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, was a hoax.

Emails between Richardson and Halbig, published last week by HuffPost, surfaced in one of numerous lawsuits against Alex Jones. He's the twitchy-eyed "Infowars" gasbag who has been tormenting the Sandy Hook families ever since 26 children and staff members were murdered by a young gunman at the school.

Halbig has appeared as an "expert" on Jones' radio program, now banished from major social media platforms.

On Feb. 15, 2018, the day after the Parkland killings, Halbig was excited to get an email from the NRA's Richardson saying: "You have included me with a lot of Information since the Sandy Hook Incident and I do appreciate it very much. Concerning what happened in Florida yesterday, I have been asking the question and no one else seems to be asking it."

Armed with zero facts, Richardson asserted that the shooter, a former student using a legally purchased assault rifle, could not have acted alone, as the police said.

Halbig's response was an email with a subject line that included, in all capital letters, the name of Avielle Richman.

She was one of the first-graders murdered in a classroom at Sandy Hook. Halbig has savaged her parents online, claiming they faked her death in order to "steal money" from taxpayers.

Avielle's father, Jeremy Richman, started a foundation in his daughter's name. A neuroscientist, he spoke at Florida Atlantic University on March 19 about brain research to identify and treat potentially violent persons.

Six days later, Richman killed himself at the office of the Avielle Foundation in Newtown. His death followed the recent suicides of a 2018 Stoneman Douglas graduate and a 16-year-old sophomore at the school.

While the reasons for such acts are seldom simple or fully understood, there is no doubt that his

daughter's death haunted Richman. Any parent would be in agony.

Halbig's crusade against Richman is despicable, but the conspiracy community on the internet is crawling with such creatures. Why would the NRA enlist one of them?

Richardson told the HuffPost that he was merely asking a "legitimate question" about how the Parkland shooter had gotten in the school.

Oddly, Richardson chose to ask a person whom he knew had no inside knowledge of the assault, no contacts in Broward law enforcement and no credibility. A person whom he knew was harassing the Sandy Hook families and had once spammed Newtown authorities seeking crime-scene documents relating to "bodily fluids, brain matter, skull fragments and around 45-60 gallons of blood."

That would be the blood and brain matter of dead children and teachers.

As of this writing, the NRA hasn't commented on Richardson's chummy emails to Halbig, which included the signoff: "Thank you for all the information. And for what you do. STAY SAFE."

The NRA didn't have much to say about the 17 Parkland victims. It spins the image as a citizen's defender of the Second Amendment, but its true constituency is firearms manufacturers.

Fear sells guns, and the NRA is in the fear-mongering, gun-selling business. Every mass shooting is an

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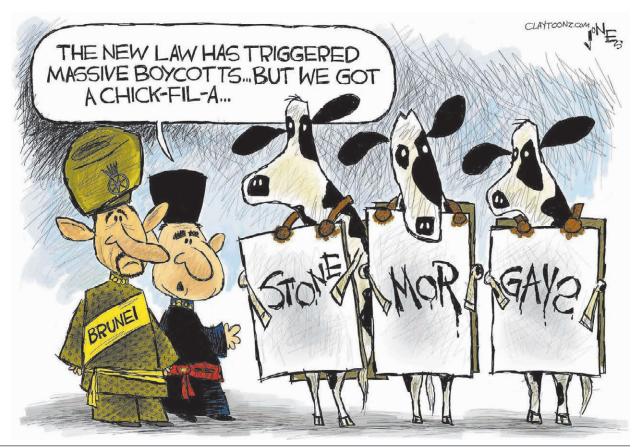
Jeremy Richman, right, during a press conference on Jan. 14, 2013 beside his wife Jennifer Hensel, center, holding a photo of their daughter Avielle, who was killed in the Dec. 14, 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. Jeremy Richman was found dead early Monday, March 25, 2019 at Edmond Town Hall in Newtown, Connecticut, police said.

opportunity to warn members to stock up before the government bans all firearms.

Yet since President Obama left office without confiscating everybody's guns, the NRA has struggled. Membership is falling, and in 2017 it reported a \$55 million drop in dues collected.

Firearms sales are down; Remington, which manufactures the assault rifle used at Sandy Hook, last week filed for bankruptcy.

Ironically, Wolfgang the Whacko had been trying



It's Not Augusta National

By Charles Morgan III

The beach that runs the length of the Panhandle of Florida was once known for its soft, snow-white sand. It is now getting recognition for the threatening and confusing "No Trespassing" signs that stretch for miles.

The same beaches that have drawn millions of tourists and spawned the only industry the area has ever had are now a battleground. The epicenter of the battle is 30A. The legal proceedings that will decide whether the public has access to the beaches are underway.

Daytona Beach v. Tona-Roma has been, for almost 50 years, the legal precedent that has dictated the public's access to beaches in Florida. The court ruled that regardless of what a deed described, beachfront property owners purchased their property "burdened" with the knowledge of "customary use"—that the beach portion of the property had been used by the public for many years.

Beachfront owners are, ironically, now in a situation analogous to another legal precedent. It involves "moving to a nuisance." It is a common sense approach to a different kind of property issue. Its premise is that you can't move next to an airport and then start complaining about the noise. Actually, you can complain about the noise but you can't do anything legally about it.

Those who purchased beachfront property on 30A and were expecting a quiet, bucolic, peaceful setting missed the turnoff to Vermont and must be both geographically challenged and terribly confused.

Those who aren't interested in following the rulings of the court might not like the teachings of the bible either. Mathew 7:24-27 speaks of "a wise man who built his house on a rock" and "a foolish man who built his house on the sand." When "the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house..."—well, you can guess what happened.

As to the beaches, even beach house-owning, property rights activists like the ex-governor, preacher, presidential candidate and current talk show host Mike Huckabee understand one thing. If the state of Florida re-nourishes our beaches after a storm, those beaches become, inarguably, public property. Apparently, they're willing to take that risk.

Of course, our beachfront property owners have federal flood insurance, which is remarkably inexpensive (supplemented by all of us), to handle property damage. They'll need it one day, because while you can deny climate change at your own risk, there's a hard rain's a-gonna fall.

Daniel Uhlfelder and Dave Rauschkolb have been fighting the privatization of the beaches for years. A lawyer and a restaurant owner, they both know the value of the beaches to the local economy. They know what's right and they have lots of supporters.

Two other people who have become allies in insuring the right of the public to enjoy the beach have come forward recently. They have remarkably different backgrounds. One thing they share is common sense.

On both an international and (thankfully) local level, George Landegger may be the most important philanthropist in our area. He is a resident of Connecticut and has had homes in Walton County for 43 years.

Landegger recently opted out of a lawsuit his beachfront community filed with the state. The suit claims that the beaches are privately owned and not for public use. He was the only property owner in his association to refuse to join his neighbors on 30A in the suit.

"The status quo that has been in place for many years has provided beachfront owners and the general population with great enjoyment and a strong economy on 30A. Besides being a moral issue—if it ain't broke, don't fix it," he said.

Joining Landegger in the efforts to secure access to the beaches for everyone is his friend and the only Walton County commissioner to carry every single precinct.

Trey Nick, the owner of the iconic Nick's Seafood Restaurant, is a throwback to the old days. Nick works Choctawhatchee Bay like his grandfather and has the largest blue crab operation in the Panhandle.

"I just want to be able to take my kids to the beach the way my parents and grandparents took me when I was a little kid," he said. "I'm not going to track sand in your house or swim in your pool.

"99.9 percent of the people who live here can't afford multimillion dollar beach houses," he continued. "The beach has always been a place where people from all income levels can go. Just because people don't have much money doesn't mean they shouldn't be able to enjoy a day at the beach."

I know many people who are South Walton natives. They've lived and played around the beaches of Walton County for many years. They were there before 30A was "branded" with the little blue automobile decals.

In general, they're a different type—in a really good way. You can find a bunch of them at the Red Bar in the late afternoon. They know who the beach belongs to.

It's important that the newcomers to 30A understand one thing. When it comes to the beaches, it's not like being a member at Augusta National.

The beaches belong to the people.



with no success to endear himself to the NRA. After the Parkland slaughter, when Richardson emailed him out of the blue, Halbig wrote to friends:

"After 4 years of emailing the NRA I finally got a response in light of the Broward County School Shooting. ... Now why?"

Because, Wolfgang, the guys running the NRA are even worse than you. They don't have the excuse of being unhinged loons.

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MKAF Outreach Makes History with Two-Week Artist Residency Program



Recently, the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF) Community Outreach impacted 5,700 children in Okaloosa and Walton counties. The original touring productions of *The Snow Queen* and *The Reluctant Dragon* by The Atlantic Coast Theatre (A.C.T.) for Youth were experienced by 20 school groups and Boys and Girls Clubs in the area.

Through the generosity of the Dugas Family Foundation and Keith & Laura Howard, this two-week artist residency program has enabled MKAF to deepen its outreach focus on offering meaningful arts-based learning to "at-risk" youth, Title 1 schools, and students in underserved or rural areas.

"We were delighted to be able to inspire and educate so many local youth through live theater, a modality that is inherently engaging," says MKAF education director **Melanie Moore.** "We further appreciate how each A.C.T. production is accompanied by a study guide exploring state and national learning standards, underscoring our commitment to being a proactive education partner to our local school districts."

This residency, as part of MKAF's Community Outreach Arts Empower initiative, has helped MKAF exceed the total numbers of all other 2018

Recently, the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation programming in the first quarter of 2019, making it (MKAF) Community Outreach impacted 5,700 one of the most successful programs in the history children in Okaloosa and Walton counties. The of the organization.

"This is such an enriching experience for our student population," says West DeFuniak Elementary principal **Darlene Paul.**

The Atlantic Coast Theatre (A.C.T.) For Youth is dedicated to bringing the art of theater to children and families. A.C.T. believes in the amazing imaginations of children and endeavors to create performances, workshops and educational programs that inspire and encourage discussion.

Since 1999, the Orlando-based group has given over 3,500 performances of 38 productions to approximately 650,000 audience members in 19 states. A.C.T. for Youth tours year-round, and each production is performed by professional actors dedicated to arts education. Learn more at **atlantic-coast-theatre.com.**

For more information on MKAF Community Outreach programs, to join MKAF and receive added value benefits, or to inquire about getting involved by volunteering or joining the Board of Directors, call 850-650-2226 or visit **MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org.**

- Shantelle Dedicke

ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 AM-noon both days and 6:30-9 PM Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque and Sherry Cooler** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 PM. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 AM-1 PM. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 PM. Bring your own supplies (no pottery) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

April 25. Sip and Paint with Jeff Mallery, 6:30-8:30 PM. The theme is "Amber and Merlot," a study in wine glasses. Cost is \$40 (\$35 for ADSO members), all supplies included—bring your beverage of choice.

In honor of longtime supporters, the Arts and Design Society (ADSO) is placing plaques in memory of Bill & Ena Fagan and Al & Lois Corbin on permanent display in its Fort Walton Beach building.



The Corbin family. From left—Greg Gordon, Julie Corbin Gordon, Therese Corbin, Andy Corbin (a/k/a Captain Billy LXIV), Linda Corbin, Will Corbin, Hall Carroll and Susan Corbin Blume.



Michael Fagan displays the plaque honoring his parents, early ADSO supporters.

Photos submitted by Tuny Jennings.

April 27. Welcome to Watercolors! with Natalia art, and her expressions through it, keep her **Light,** 10 AM-12:30 PM. Brush up on your skills and explore new styles and techniques. Cost is \$25 (\$20 for ADSO members). Supply list at ADSO website



CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY, 3925 West County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 1-844-5-CHROMA or visit www.CHROMA30A.com

April 16. Spring Chick. Details online. "Even if you're not a painter, you are creative," says CHROMA honcho **Kathleen Broaderick.** "We have small classes with lots of personal attention, and I go step-by-step."

HERITAGE MUSEUM OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso. Call 850-678-2615 or visit **Heritage-Museum.org** to sign up or for more info.

HH ARTS, 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register for classes.

THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton, Grayton Beach. ShardWorx is a new way of making art with glass and resin on a painted surface. Open Mon.-Sat., 9:15 AM-4 PM. Classes daily. Adult classes, 9:30 AM. All ages classes at 11 AM, 1:30 and 3 PM Classes last about an hour, and all materials are provided. Artwork is ready the day after class. All skill levels welcome. Adults start at \$85, kids at \$40. Sign up online at **ShardShop.com** or call 850-231-0544.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH APRIL 22. THE FOSTER GALLERY'S SPRING ROTATION IN GRAND BOULEVARD TOWN CENTER, MIRAMAR BEACH

Artists include Melody Bogle, Gayle Campbell, Donnelle Clark, Skip Deems, Sandra Horne, Linda Kernick, Jason Lindblad, Rosalyn O'Grady, William Polley, Mary Redmann, Kathleen Schumacher, Nikki Staks, Jenna Varney, Krista Vind, Judy Walton and Heather Clements. Call 850-837-3037 or visit **CulturalArtsAlliance.com** for more info.

THROUGH APRIL 26. "FRESH START" AT EAST **END GALLERY, INLET BEACH**

Gallery hours are 10 AM-4 PM Mon.-Fri. and Saturdays by appointment. Call 850-252-5150 or email lori@eastend30a.com for more info.

THROUGH APRIL 29. THE FOSTER GALLERY'S SPRING ROTATION IN THE RUSKIN PLACE **ARTIST COLONY, SEASIDE**

Artists include Melody Bogle, Marscha Cavaliere, Donnelle Clark, Patrick Connolly, Skip Deems, Victoria Guennewig, Marian Pacsuta, Mary Redmann, Nikki Staks, Jenna Varney, Krista Vind, Judy Walton, Christon Anderson and Heather Clements. Call 850-837-3037 or visit CulturalArtsAlliance.com for more info.

THROUGH APRIL 30. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

The spotlight shines on teacher and award-winning artist **Marcy Eady,** who says arounded and feed her soul.

THROUGH APRIL 30. BETTY CORK EXHIBIT AT THE WALTON COUNTY COASTAL **BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH**

Ms. Cork has spent more than 25 years painting in oils, acrylics, watercolors and mixed media.

THROUGH MAY 3. ADSO'S 20TH ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH Reception Friday, April 12, 6-8 PM.

APRIL 13. HH ARTS FOURTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, FORT WALTON BEACH

Join Helen Harris and the gang from 10 AM to 3 PM, for food, drinks, artist demonstrations and more. The gallery is located at 100 Beal Parkway SW.

APRIL 17. ADSO PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

Join fellow photographers (beginner to professional) from 6 to 8 PM. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

APRIL 23. PAINTING AND WINE AT TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR, SHALIMAR

From 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Cost is \$35 per person. Call 850-651-5100 for reservations.

APRIL 24. ADSO LUNCHEON AT THE ART **CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH**



Recent Beachcomber cover artist Estelle Grengs discusses her journey and how she connects with her audience and collectors. The luncheon is open to the public and begins at 11:30 AM. Cost is \$12, and you can make reservations by emailing adsorsvp@gmail. com or calling 850-244-1271 by Monday, April 22 (after that, cost is \$15).

APRIL 26. ADSO'S "ALL IN GOOD TASTE" AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

From 6 to 8 PM, taste your way through the delicious offerings ADSO cooks are submitting for inclusion in the organization's upcoming cookbook. Cost for the fun and tasty culinary experience is \$5. Call 850-244-1271 or visit artsdesignsociety.org for more info.

APRIL 27. DOWNTOWN ARTS NIGHT ON HISTORIC BALDWIN AVENUE, DEFUNIAK **SPRINGS**

From 4 to 8 PM, take a gander at the creations of over 50 local and regional artists and craftsmen, plus food and live music. FREE to attend and family-friendly. If you'd like to showcase and sell your work at the event, call 850-865-2976 or email DowntownArtsNight@gmail.com.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@ **gmail.com** or visit **adaroart.com** for more info.

ARTFUL THINGS Original oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as prints and note cards by local artists. Art classes, supplies and custom framing available. 1087 John Sims Pkwy., Niceville, 850-729-2600. www.artfulthings.net.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE. Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-1271, www. artsdesignsociety.org.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY features the art of South Walton's 2018 Artist of the Year Kathleen Broaderick. Browse Kathleen's original oil paintings in the gallery or take a boutique paint class in Kathleen's studio. Kathleen offers oil painting workshops featuring her energetic, loose and colorful style, as well as acrylic paint classes for artists and non-artists alike. The CHROMA Studio & Gallery is a place where guests will feel comfortable expressing themselves and finding joy in art. CHROMA is located at 3925 West County Highway 30A in Santa Rosa Beach (just west of Goatfeathers restaurant). Visit www. CHROMA30A.com or call 1-844-5-CHROMA for more information.

G & CO. GALLERY (formerly Geana's Art Gallery) Located in City Market, Destin. An exciting art gallery and full service frame and mirror shop offering a large selection of local, regional and international artists ranging from local photography to original fine art. Quality and value is second to none. We ship worldwide. 850-650-0779. www.GAndCoGallery.com.

HH ARTS offers works for sale from local artists in all mediums. There are many award-winning artists displayed in oil, acrylic, encaustic, collage, clay, handmade candles, and handmade jewelry designs in glass, leather and Victorian style. Studio space available for artists at reasonable rates. An outdoor area is also available for plein air painting or classes, with lighting and overhead covering. There will be classes offered for children and adults. Located at 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach (three blocks off 98, across from Troy University). Open Tue.-Sat., 10 AM- 3 PM. For more info, call 850-218-2155 and "like" HH Arts on Facebook. Follow us on Instagram.

THE JUSTIN GAFFREY GALLERY features the coastal contemporary paintings and sculptures of local artist Justin Gaffrey. Visit the gallery to browse through Justin's coastal landscape, floral, and still-life paintings or stroll through the sculpture garden to view the various welded steel sculptures. Justin is most recognized for his heavily textured, heavy bodied acrylic, palette knife paintings of the local landscape, florals, and wildlife. The Justin Gaffrey Gallery is located at 21 Blue Gulf Drive along Scenic highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Visit **justingaffrey.com** or stop by the gallery Monday through Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM. Follow the Justin Gaffrey Gallery on Facebook and Instagram to see Justin's most recent creations.

MARY HONG GALLERY Located in Grayton Beach (Shops of Grayton), Destin (next to Ulta and Michael's), Nashville (4th and Union next to DoubleTree Hotel) and on Magazine Street in New Orleans. Mary Hong, the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year, has been featured in over 10 publications and has appeared on Emeril's Florida TV show and HGTV's House Hunters. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at The Shard Shop, located adjacent to or inside her gallery locations. Classes are offered four to five times a day, and there is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events. too. Grayton Beach gallery open seven days a week, 9:30 AM-5 PM 850-231-1416. MaryHongStudio.com.

THE SHARD SHOP open seven days a week, 9:15 AM-4 PM. 850-231-0544. ShardShop.com/ Grayton. Destin gallery and Shard Shop open seven days a week, 9 AM-7 PM. 850-842-4440. ShardShop.com/Destin.

MATTIE KELLY ART GALLERIES AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE The Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville encompass two galleries showcasing 20 different international, national and regional exhibitions yearly, which are unique to this region. Viewing hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM, and Sunday, 1-4 PM. Visit www.mattiekellyartscenter.org or call 850-729-6044.

THE ZOO GALLERY Created in 1979. Locally owned small business. We focus on quality, handcrafted work by hardworking artists. Our galleries showcase an eclectic range of curated artwork from all over the country, a jewelry collection like no other, plus unique clothing lines for women with soul. We keep a sense of wonder. We stand out from the herd. Located in Grayton Beach across from the Red Bar and in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin. #standoutfromtheherd thezoogallery.com

CALL TO ARTISTS

Destin Library Exhibit Space

Local artists interested in showing their work are encouraged to contact Will Rogers at 850-837-8572.

Downtown Arts Night in DeFuniak Springs

Scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 4-8 PM, on historic Baldwin Avenue overlooking Lake DeFuniak. All artists and craftsmen interested in selling and showcasing work are encouraged to submit applications by calling 850-865-2976 or email **DowntownArtsNight@gmail.com**.

Arts and Design Society's "The Vitruvian Man" Show

ADSO is calling all artists to participate. All art in any medium must be inspired by (read: NOT a copy of) a work by Leonardo da Vinci. Cash awards! Turn in work Monday, May 6, 9 AM-noon. Visit artsdesignsociety.org or call 850-244-1271 for more info.

Frank Brown International Songwriters' Festival

Create an original artwork in your medium of choice to promote this year's festival. The winning submission will be used in festival promo materials, including website, t-shirts, programs, press releases and signage. Plusbragging rights, 200 bucks. Deadline to enter is midnight, April 30—no fee to enter. The winner will be announced May 31. More info at FBISF.com.



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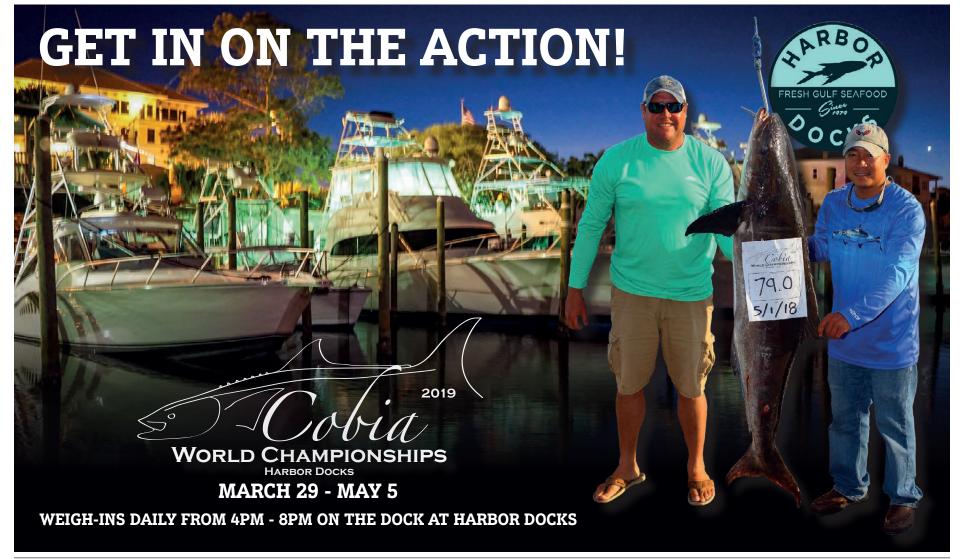
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Michelle and Jeff drove all the way from
Indiana just to eat at Camille's in Destin.
Makes sense to us.



Stranger Things...

By Nikki Hedrick

"Family is who you choose and who chooses you. This is my family," says **Marcus "Obliq" Leslie** of The Strangers.

"It's like having an umbrella corporation," he explains of the difference between Strange Tang and the newer group The Strangers. "You have the major companies, and you have your other companies underneath. The Strangers is actually a combination of a bunch of solo acts. With the exception of Strange Tang, which would be me and Price, every single artist within The Strangers is a solo artist. Together, we make The Strangers. Strange Tang is part of The Strangers, but we are still our own separate entity."

The idea of The Strangers came around organically as Obliq looked for new avenues to promote and produce artists under his Elevated Underground banner. "It takes money, it takes a team to accomplish really anything in this game. For us, we were already working with so many artists within Elevated Underground, which is the studio-slash-record-label that I own. We were already working with so many artists that were considered to be Elevated Underground artists, but we needed a way to put everybody out at the same time in an efficient way. Producing solo albums for each of the seven artists was just not cost effective at the time."

The birth of The Strangers came in 2017, with the #IAMDJDEEZY compilation, although the name would make its first appearance later. "The name The Strangers didn't exist then, we were just all solo artists that came together and made a compilation album. If you look on iTunes or anywhere, it'll say various artists. It doesn't say The Strangers. We became The Strangers as a result of the work that we did for the #IAMDJDEEZY project."

On **April 19,** The Strangers will release their debut album *Brotherhood Built This* on the heels of the track (and accompanying music video) "Pay Attention."

"I'm a strong believer in everybody has a purpose, and everybody has passion," says Obliq. "For me, I think that you hear and see my purpose through what I'm passionate about. I'm passionate about music, but my purpose...I have always believed that my purpose is to teach and inspire. That's what I try to do with the music. That's what if you listen to old Strange Tang records, if you listen to the #IAMDJDEEZY album, if you listen to this new album—we're not just on here making songs about us being better than you.

"What we're trying to do is, we're trying to tell you what we been through, we're trying to tell you what we see about what's happening now, and we're trying to get people some type of foundation to move forward in the future."

Obliq says the concept behind "Pay Attention" is Hollywood Mechee and himself writing verses to their younger selves. "If we were gonna talk to ourselves as children or young teenagers and



young adults, what would we tell each other? To go back right now, with the wisdom and information that we have now, what would we tell our younger selves?"

The original plan for the video was to follow that concept, but it became a much larger message. "It actually was, as Bob Ross would call it, 'a happy mistake' because the kids that we had they couldn't do it...and so when we got someone to shoot the video, it was last minute (finding) somebody."

With the help of Yabui Entertainment, the concept was reworked. "The video ended up having a double meaning," says Obliq. "The verses, we are talking to ourselves, but the message in the video is it takes a village to raise a child. You see a child doing something that we consider to be wrong if it's our child, the first thing we want to do is jump down their throat. If it's not your child, we try to ignore it.

"Well, neither one of those are necessarily the right thing to do, because what's happening is the child has no understanding. The message of the video is if you see a child doing something wrong or misguided, take them under your wing and guide them because if they don't know and you don't teach them...you can tell them they're doing something wrong all day, but if you're not teaching them to do something right then there's nowhere to go."

The album doesn't encompass a single style. "If anybody's familiar with our music, they know that we don't have a gimmick and we don't have one style. If you listen to the #IAMDJDEEZY album, no song sounded the same. We're a collective of six MCs and a DJ. Our music's gonna sound different.

"The album, it's a very wide spectrum of what we're trying to get across to you, but for us, the reason we called it *Brotherhood Built This* is because we went through so much to get to this point. People don't see what we go through behind closed doors. They don't know about all the fights. They don't know about us having to be there for each other when there's a death in someone's family or somebody's going through relationship issues.

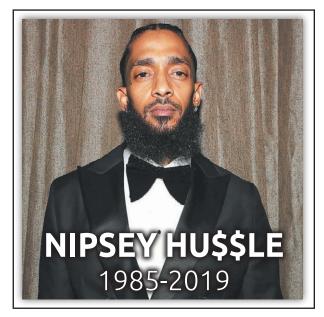


"We happen to be a real brotherhood, and being a brother doesn't mean everything's all good. Being a family doesn't mean everything's all happy and everything's fun all the time. No, that means we fuss and we fight, we cry and we laugh, we joke and we play together. We're a brotherhood."

Through his various endeavors, Obliq and the members of The Strangers always are working towards new goals. "Every artist is working on solo music, so there'll be a lot more singles coming out once we get the album out and we let it run its course for a little bit. Then after that, we're gonna probably drop into single format 'cause everybody's working on new music."

He is quick to show appreciation for those in the community that have supported both The Strangers and Strange Tang, including Nik Flagstar and *Small Town Riot* on 103.1 The Blaze, Q92 Hit Music Now, and 93BLX.

The album release party is set for **April 19** at the Green Door Music Hall in Fort Walton Beach. For more info, visit **www.strangerseu.com**.



Towne: The **Records That Changed Our Lives**



Towne performs Saturday, April 20, at Seaside's The REP Theatre. Get your tickets for the show at LoveTheREP.com.

Jon Decious: While there must be at least 100 records that have changed my life, looking back I think Garth Brooks' Ropin' the Wind might be the one responsible (to blame) for helping steer me towards dedicating KT Tunstall's Eye to the Telescope my life to music.

At seven years old, I was already feeling like a rebel trapped in my hometown, and Garth was the first artist—and that was the first record— I'd ever heard that felt and sounded like I felt...like it was *mine*. There was rock 'n roll ("Shameless," "Rodeo"), classic rock melodies like I'd heard on my mom's James Taylor records ("The River"), and the familiar classic country that I was surrounded by ("What She's Doing Now"), and they all came together to make a kid living on a pig farm off a white gravel rural road feel like there was, at least, one other person in the world that felt the same way.

To this day, I can still close my eyes and hear that worn out tape playing on my handheld red cassette player and feel the rush of turning the volume all the way up just to hear him sing Well, it ain't no woman, flesh and blood/It's that DAMNED old rodeo! And hoping my mom or grandparents weren't standing around the corner.

It may sound stupid—especially in 2019—but for a kid from small town Kentucky in 1991, it was about as exciting as it got. And it lit a fire in me that's never gone out.

Steevie Steeves: This record came into my life and inspired me, comforted me, and I believe it helped give me a strength to keep driving toward Nashville to start a new life. Sounds pretty crazy, huh?

was like listening to my inner voice on repeat. I wasn't expected her album to speak to me the way it did. I guess you could say I needed therapy. At the time, I was trying to let go of my first love, leave a small town to pursue big dreams, work up the nerve to write my own songs, and get better at playing guitar.

I knew at some point, I was going to have to move away from everyone and everything I ever loved to find myself. It was scary for me.

Thank God for songs like "Heal Over" and "Through the Dark" for the constant reassurance that I wasn't alone and that the unknown doesn't have to be feared. "Suddenly I See" was my anthem in a wayabout a girl with the world at her fingertips. There were times I felt like I was growing up too fast, and the song "Silent Sea" put things into perspective for me.

I mean, not only did KT inspire me to pick up the guitar, use a loop pedal, and get creative musically, her songs helped me stay the course of my destiny in a way. I played her album the entire way to Nashville, which has been my home now for 11 years. To this day, it's one of the few albums I know front to back. It's a gem! I'm definitely a better musician because of it.



Woody Still Matters

By Joe Fuller

In 1962, I was in the sixth grade. Mrs. McGowan was my teacher.

She was a crusty old woman who told me several times a day, "You think you're funny but you're not."

I didn't care much for her, either. In fact, the only time we got along was when she provided piano accompaniment for the class during music time.

I loved music time. I loved singing the "Songs of America."

My favorites were "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "This Land is Your Land." I memorized all of the lyrics to both songs.

I wondered why two people were given credit for the Civil War classic while the other was attributed to Anonymous. Even as a kid, I thought, "Someone should find out who really wrote that song."

A couple of years later, my cousin Paula put a Bob Dylan record on her turntable and my head spun around. I wanted to find out all about this guy

I found out Dylan idolized a songwriter by the name of Woody Guthrie, so I wanted to find out all about him, too.

I found out he, not Anonymous, wrote "This Land is Your Land." I also discovered additional "communist influenced" verses to the song not included in my sixth grade lyric sheet.

Later, I read Woody's autobiography Bound for Glory and studied up on the Great Depression. Instead of attending class at Riverside City College, I went to the library and found out about my father's time from Dos Passos, James Agee and Studs Terkel.

I read fiction and poetry, and listened to music from the Depression era. I started to have more patience with people twice my age. I'd do my best to listen when they'd start to tell me about hard times.

After a while, having to deal with my own problems, I became less interested and stopped listening. I started to discount the chroniclers of that era, focusing on their failings rather than their achievements.

I was tired and bitter. I was done with other people's stories.

I eventually leveled out, but like a lot But what they did best on that little of other folks, I've been focused on the negative aspects of our culture and country, convinced we're going straight down the toilet.

Then my friend Jeff Glickman invited me to the PenArts production of Woody Guthrie's American Song. He was playing one of the three Guthries represented in the musical, and he said he was honored to have been chosen for the role.

I told him I'd be there opening night.

In preparation, I listened to the original cast recording of the Broadway production. It reminded me of an Up With People concert. I wasn't impressed.

I didn't want to be closed-minded but I had doubts PenArts could do a better job. I wondered, "How are the locals going to make this more convincing?"

Well, the first thing they did was stage their production at the Live Juice Bar and More in Pensacola. This establishment has its beverage and food service in one room and its littlest of little theaters in the other.

Everything about the performance room was conducive to intimacy between the actors and audience. Not much separated one from the other, and this made it easy for me to become emotionally invested to all elements of the musical "story."

The string band "pit orchestra" was spot on. The musicians were excellent, and musical director Tom Baroco provided quiet, confident leadership.

Mr. Baroco's introductory remarks to the audience explained almost all the words and music were taken from Woody Guthrie's prose, lyrics and songs. He also reminded us that Woody was a folk singer, taking people's stories and "tellin' them back."

The ensemble on stage, directed by Christine Kellogg, did a damn good job portraying folks who had lost everything-families forced to leave their homes and say goodbye forever to loved ones while enduring every hardship on the road to "California," the "Garden of Eden." They did an even better job describing how these dust bowl victims were chased, beaten, extorted and cheated by politicians, bankers, the National Guard, police and railroad bulls.

stage was tell the tale Woody told about a woman's beautiful voice providing respite for the souls of 2,000 fellow travelers. A union maid sang, "You can't scare me, I'm sticking to the union." Of course, she encouraged the audience to sing along.

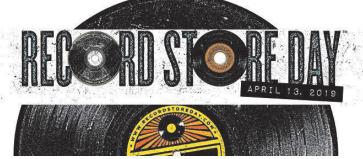
We didn't do a very good job. We were sitting in a theater somewhere in Pensacola, for God's sake, less than a mile from the Civic Center where Trump has held SRO rallies.

We were in Florida, a right to work state, being asked to sing a union song. Even in 2019, that's scary.

I don't know how the "Bound for Glory" generation survived the Great Depression, but I think the songs of Woody Guthrie helped. I think they helped because he was singing their stories back to them. He was reminding them, and us, that no matter our status, we are worthwhile.

We were not born to be mocked, and we are all equal. From the Wall Street tycoon to the nameless deportee, Woody Guthrie was reminding them (and us), "This land was made for you and me.

VS. - The Battle of **Record Store Day 2019**



A new feature, in which two Beachcomberland entities face off, and it's up to our highly biased judges to declare a victor.

Record Store Day (Saturday, April 13 worldwide) was conceived in 2007 as a day to celebrate the unique culture of the record store and the special role independently owned stores play in their communities.

IN THIS CORNER...FORT WALTON VINTAGE RECORDS

The store, located on Racetrack Road, will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM and will offer hundreds of limited edition exclusive RSD releases, RSD swag, trivia contests, refreshments, RSD t-shirts and more. Plus a FREE RSD goody bag with any exclusive RSD release purchase while supplies last.

In addition to the special releases, FWVR offers a great selection of vintage vinyl albums, box sets, CDs, cassettes, posters, prayer candles, pins, record cleaning kits, lunch boxes, audio equipment and guitars. The store is offering 15 percent off any album priced at \$15 or more (excluding RSD releases).

The complete list of RSD titles can be found on the store's website, fortwaltonvintagerecords.com. Call 850-384-6654 for more info.

AND IN THIS CORNER...CENTRAL **SQUARE RECORDS**

Starting at 8 AM, the popular Seaside spot will have exclusive, limited vinyl releases plus "a few" giveaway items. The master list is at RecordStoreDay.com, and based on previous years, CSR should have most if not all of them.

THE JUDGES' DECISION

Too close to call. FWVR sent Beachcomber a lot more info, but we appreciate CSR attaching the RSD logo to their email so we wouldn't have to go looking for it on our outdated browser.

If you're in Fort Walton Beach, Navarre or west Destin, we recommend FWVR. If you're in east Destin, Miramar Beach or South Walton, CSR is your guy (or gal).

And if you're a vinyl superfreak like Editor Manson, you should clone yourself and hit 'em both (or gak, get up early).

Music > The Pauseandplay.com Record Roundup

Musicians - send your CDs, vinyl and/or cassettes to Beachcomber, P.O. Box 5707, Destin, FL 32540-5707. Email MP3s and streaming links to chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

John Coltrane

Coltrane '58: The Prestige Recordings Craft Recordings



This treasure chest contains 37 tracks from jazz sax icon Coltrane's "breakthrough" year of 1958. Some of the tracks (all recorded at Rudy Van Gelder's New Jersey studio) have been released on other albums, so the principal virtue of this set may be its unifying time factor, a documentary of a Very Good Year. Jumping from sideman to lead status, Coltrane flexes and stretches here-it's a smorgasbord of ballads and pop standards ("Lush Life") along with bebop classics like "Goldsboro Express.

- Bruce Collier

Billie Eilish

When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? Interscope



If Eilish is the poster child for what Generation Z pop is going to be like, I'm wholly on board. Backed by EDM beats and with a voice that quivers with emotion (and a skyrocketing fanbase), she's somewhere outside of genres. For us older folks, the closest comparison is Portishead—due to Eilish being all of 17 years old.

Le Chimera Project

Schubert: Winterreise Analekta



Nineteenth-century Austrian composer Franz Schubert wrote moody, emotional music long before that stuff paid well. His song cycle Winterreise (Winter Journey) is based on a series of 24 poems by German lyric poet Wilhelm Mueller, and it's been recorded many times. Le Chimera Project tackled Winterreise with an eye toward a fresh interpretation. Since the theme of the poem cycle is wandering, they applied the musical styles and instrumentation of the Ashkenazi Jews and Romani, both world-class wayfarers. The songs are still there, but there's now an exotic overlay that not only adds to the effect but sharpens the drama.

- Bruce Collier

Pool The Kids Is Dead Skeletal Lightning



Without a doubt, this is an April Fool's joke to remember. Tallahassee indie rock darlings Pool Kids give a nod to Code Orange (who also dropped the "Kids" from their name, but for real) with this - Nikki Hedrick stunning hardcore EP. It's not just a one-note joke,

it's a shockingly well-executed one. And if that wasn't enough, proceeds from sales of The Kids Is Dead go towards red tide research.

- Nikki Hedrick

Aubrey Logan

Where the Sunshine Is Expensive

Resonance Records



Imagine a young singer with a voice that conjures up Bette Midler and the Pointer Sisters, who also plays a vigorous and growling jazz trombone. You've imagined Aubrey Logan, and her latest release Where the Sunshine is Expensive. The title tune refers to Los Angeles, and there's a theme of airports and travel running through the 12 tracks, but she also does some serious sanctified gospel ("One Three Nine") and a solid and straight-up vocal-and-trombone cover of "Alfie." Versatile, funny and energetic, this one is.

- Bruce Collier

EDITOR'S CHOICE - CLASHCAST

Stay Free: The Story of the Clash Spotify



Gripping podcast about one of the top three rock 'n' roll bands of all time (the other two being The Beatles and Creedence) narrated by Chuck D (the perfect choice). Currently five episodes in, Stay Free features new interviews with surviving members, along with archival commentary from the late Joe Strummer, still the gold standard for rock 'n roll vocalists. You don't need any incentive to pull London Calling off the shelf for another spin, but the podcast will send you scrambling to reconsider side six of Sandanista! - Chris Manson

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Live Music

Musicians and venues: Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com to get your gigs listed here.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

AJ'S. Destin

WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage) CHASING JAYMIE, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage) REDSHIRT FRESHMAN (Bimini Stage)

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM JESSIE RITTER. 5-9 PM

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.comDEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, 850-837-2627

BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach MAX McCANN, 4 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach

MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
MICHAEL MAGAZZENI. 5 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach

FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM Ladies Night

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island

BILL GARRETT, 8 PM-Midnight

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com

STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM Baytowne LIVE

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola THE BRIGHT LIGHT SOCIAL HOUR

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

AJ'S. Destin

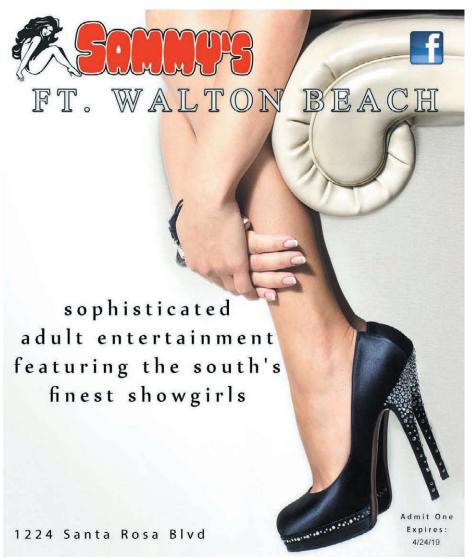
JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage) AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage) REDSHIRT FRESHMAN (Bimini Stage)

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM CONJUGAL VISIT, 8 PM-Midnight

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, 850-837-2627

DIKI ROSS, 5-9 PM

ELKS LODGE, Okaloosa Island BOBBYD. 6:30-9:30 PM



FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650

CADILLAC WILLY, 8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach JACK GRAHAM, 5-8 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach

MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

JIMMY'S JUKEBOX, Fort Walton Beach GROUP THERAPY, 8 PM-Midnight

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin

LEFTY COLLINS, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

PARTY AT THE PRESERVE, Santa Rosa Beach

FORREST WILLIAMS BAND – CASEY KEARNEY, 6-9 PM (\$20)

PROPS BREWERY & GRILL, Fort Walton Beach ROB ROMANS, 7 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

WILDLIFE SPECIALS, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SEASCAPE TOWN CENTRE, Miramar Beach

CATALYST, 5 PM

SUNDESTIN RESORT, Destin BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar

Jazz with BENGHAZI GRESHAM, 6-9 PM

VFW LODGE, Fort Walton BeachBOB CUSHING, 6 PM

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com MATT McCARTY QUINTET, 5-8 PM Sandestin Wine Festival

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

AJ'S, Destin

WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage) AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage) REDSHIRT FRESHMAN (Bimini Stage)

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM ROSHAMBO, 8 PM-Midnight

AMERICAN LEGION POST 382, Navarre BOB CUSHING, 5 PM

BELLA BLUE BAR, Bluewater Bay RECIPROCAL VIBE, 6:30-10:30 PM

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin GUNNER, 8 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650

TODD SIMPSON & MOJO CHILD, 8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach

COLBY BRANSON, 5-8 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach

MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LJ SCHOONER'S, Bluewater Bay DONNIE MORGAN. 7-11 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin

HOWLIN' JACK, 5 PM

POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach DIKI ROSS, 2-5 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

THE REP THEATRE, Seaside, LoveTheREP.com

CALLAGHAN, 7:30 PM (\$25)

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island

CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
CRADLE OF FILTH

Best band name in ages

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

AJ'S, Destin

Baytowne LIVE

JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage) JB DYESS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage) TYLER LIVINGSTON & THE ABSOLUTES (Jumbotron Stage) BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM BRANDON DAY. 5-9 PM

THE BOATHOUSE LANDING, Valparaiso ROB ROMANS, 4 PM

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach

HOPE GIVEN, 2-5 PM

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SLINDAL — ELV DENTS — DHII

DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3 PM

GULLEY AMPHITHEATER AT GULF PLACE, Santa Rosa Beach

TRANSIT SOUL – MARI GLEASON – BRYAN KENNEDY & FORREST WILLIAMS – CASEY

Live Music

KEARNEY - BOUKOU GROOVE - LUKE LANG-FORD BAND - WILDLIFF SPECIALS - BAY HIGH SCHOOL MILLION DOLLAR BAND, 1-7 PM Bands of 30A Benefit for The Sonder Project. Suggested donation is \$10.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin

KYLE BRADY, 5 PM

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 AM-2 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TRIPP TIDE TIKI BAR AT THE ISLAND HOTEL, Okaloosa Island BOB CUSHING, 5 PM

MONDAY, APRIL 15

AJ'S. Destin

WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage) JASON CLARK, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage) BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650

Emerald Coast Blues Society Jam, 7 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin CHAUNCY CRANDALL. 5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar

ALEXA BURROUGHS 6-9 PM Tax Day Wine Tasting from 6 to 8 PM with \$15 tasting pairing.

VINYL MUSIC HALL. Pensacola MOTIONLESS IN WHITE - ATREYU

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

AJ'S, Destin

JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage) CHASING JAYMIE, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage) BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

MARVIN HOLDMAN, 3:30-7:30 PM Stick around for tonight's FREE Movie on the Beach at 7:30.

CAMILLE'S. Destin. CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com

TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

CLUB LA. Destin

POP EVIL - MESSER Tickets available at RockDestin.com.

DESTIN LIBRARY, 850-837-8572 CHERYL JONES, Noon

Jazz on the Lawn

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650

SIMPLY D'VYNE, 7 PM

HOG'S BREATH, Destin BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com

SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin

STICKY TOO. 5 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island

CHRISTIAN MAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com

STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM Baytowne LIVE

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola **BUCKCHERRY**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

AJ'S, Destin

JASON TYLER FINDLEY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage) JACOB MOHR, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage) BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach JB DYESS, 5-9 PM

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 PM

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666

PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650

CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach

Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach HOODOOS, 4 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach

MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin

ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 PM

PARADISE BAR & GRILL, Pensacola Beach

LINDSAY BEAVER, 6 PM

THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RED FISH TACO, Santa Rosa Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8-11 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS **BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach** BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island BILL GARRETT, 8 PM-Midnight

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com

BOOGIE FEVER - BIG 80's [sic], 7-9 PM Wednesday Night Concert Series

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

AJ'S, Destin

WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage) CHASING JAYMIE, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage) BLACKBERRY BREEZE (Bimini Stage)

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR. Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM JAMEL BOAST, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, 850-837-2627

BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

FUDPUCKER'S, Destin

DOWNBEAT JAZZ ORCHESTRA, 7-9 PM Call 850-654-4200 for reservations (recommended).

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach MAX McCANN, 4 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, **Rosemary Beach**

MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 PM

PARADISE BAR & GRILL, Pensacola Beach LINDSAY BEAVER, 6 PM

POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach SILVIA MADRIAGA and Her Ukulele, 2-5 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SLICK MICK'S, Fort Walton Beach **ROB ROMANS, 6 PM**

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM Ladies Niaht

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island BILL GARRETT, 8 PM-Midnight

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM Baytowne LIVE

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

AJ'S, Destin

JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage) AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage) BLACKBERRY BREEZE (Bimini Stage)

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 8 PM-Midnight

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, 850-837-2627 DIKI ROSS, 5-9 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 BISCUIT MILLER & THE MIX, 8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach

KRISTIN BARKLII OO 5-8 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach

MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

JIMMY'S JUKEBOX, Fort Walton Beach DONNIE MORGAN, 8 PM-Midnight

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin

ALVARADO ROAD SHOW, 5 PM

MEZCAL MEXICAN GRILL, Miramar Beach CLINT HALL DUO with TOM LATENSER, 6 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside

THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION. Santa Rosa Beach. ReddsFuel.com

QWERTY, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SUNDESTIN RESORT, Destin BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island

UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

APRIL 12

BTS, Map of the Soul: Persona The Chemical Brothers, No Geography* Melissa Etheridge, The Medicine Show* Glen Hansard, This Wild Willing* Bruce Hornsby, Absolute Zero* Norah Jones, Begin Again* Damien Jurado, In the Shape of a Storm* Youssou N'Dour. History Graham Parker, Squeezing Out Sparks: Solo Acoustic 40th Anniversary Eli "Paperboy" Reed, 99 Cent Dreams*

Stars* John Paul White, The Hurting Kind*

Bonnie Tyler, Between the Earth and the

Shovels & Rope, By Blood*

TRONOS, Celestial Mechanics

APRIL 19

Bananarama, In Stereo* Cage the Elephant, Social Cues* The Lee Boys, Live on the East Coast The O'Jays, The Last Word*

The Rolling Stones, HONK* Unspoken Tradition, Myths We Tell Our

Young Wand, Laughing Matter**

The Yawpers, Human Question* Poppies: Assorted Finery from the First Psychedelic Age

- * Also on Vinyl
- ** Also on Vinyl and Cassette

Sources: Allmusic.com, Pauseandplay.com

Live Music

THE TANK, Valparaiso **BOB CUSHING, 9 PM**

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar JUSTIN ROGERS, 6-9 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola THE WILDFLOWERS: Tom Petty Tribute

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

AJ'S, Destin

WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage) AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage) FLOW TRIBE (Jumbotron Stage) BLACKBERRY BREEZE (Bimini Stage)

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 8 PM-Midnight

BELLA BLUE BAR, Bluewater Bay DONNIE MORGAN

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin **GUNNER. 8 PM**

EAGLES CLUB, Fort Walton Beach REMEDY BAND, 8 PM

1835 PORCH BAR AT DEWEY DESTIN'S HARBORSIDE, Destin, 1835PorchBar.com KYLE LaMONICA, 6-9 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 BISCUIT MILLER & THE MIX, 8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach "SHANK." 5-8 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach

MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

ISLAND WING COMPANY, Destin BOB CUSHING. 7 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin

ALVARADO ROAD SHOW. 5 PM

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8-11 PM

POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach DIKI ROSS, 2-5 PM

PROPS ALE HOUSE, Niceville ROB ROMANS, 7 PM

THE REP THEATRE, Seaside, LoveTheREP. com

TOWNE, 7:30 PM (\$25)

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS **BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach** BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar

MICHAEL BETHEA, 6-9 PM

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM

Baytowne LIVE

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola SCARY POCKETS

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

AJ'S. Destin

JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage) JB DYESS. 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage) BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

BEACH HOUSE BAR & GRILLE, Navarre Beach ROB ROMANS. 4 PM

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com

DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS. Fort Walton Beach HOPE GIVEN, 2-5 PM

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN - DUKE BARDWELL - SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG,

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin LANG HOLLOMAN DUO, 5 PM

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD"

JACKSON, 11 AM-2 PM SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island

TRIPP TIDE TIKI BAR AT THE ISLAND HOTEL, Okaloosa Island

BOB CUSHING, 5 PM

MONDAY, APRIL 22

CHRIS HAYES. 8 PM-Midnight

AJ'S. Destin

WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage) JASON CLARK, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage) BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin ROSHAMBO. 9 PM-1 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 Emerald Coast Blues Society Jam, 7 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 PM

STANDING ROOM ONLY, Niceville **OWERTY**

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

AJ'S, Destin

JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage) CHASING JAYMIE, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage) BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

MARVIN HOLDMAN, 3:30-7:30 PM Stick around for tonight's FREE Movie on the Beach at 7:30.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com

TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM





Michael Rorah jams at Havana Beach Bar and Grill in Rosemary Beach Wednesday through Saturday, 6:30-10:30 PM.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 SIMPLY D'VYNE. 7 PM

HOG'S BREATH, Destin BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

REDD. THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRISTIAN MAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach

Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM Baytowne LIVE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

AJ'S, Destin

JASON TYLER FINDLEY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage) JACOB MOHR, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage) BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach JB DYESS, 5-9 PM

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 PM

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666

PARADISE BAYOU 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach HOODOOS, 4 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach

MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS **BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach** BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island BILL GARRETT, 8 PM-Midnight

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com AMERICAN FLOYD, 7-9 PM Wednesday Night Concert Series

A Million Dollar Lineup for Bands of 30A's April 14 Event

Local charity organization Bands of 30A hosts their Shofar Stage Productions will once again be next benefit concert in the Gulley Amphitheater at Gulf Place in Santa Rosa Beach Sunday, April 14, from 1 to 7 PM.

Bands of 30A was established in 2017 with a benefit for Hurricane Harvey Relief. The organization brings the talented musicians of our area together to raise monetary help and awareness to charities that need support. To date, their events have raised over \$80,000 for deserving beneficiaries.

"Our desire is to create fun, family-friendly concert events," says Bands of 30A secretary and 30A Event Planning owner Crystal Smith. "The success of Bands of 30A has blessed our hearts. We are happy we are able to contribute to the community and meet a need."

The April 14 event will benefit The Sonder Project, a charity organization that not only had a huge impact on Hurricane Michael relief efforts, but also aids communities internationally.

Local and regional bands will be performing at the top of each hour, including Transit Souls featuring Melissa Joiner. Mari Gleason featuring Matt Miller. Bryan Kennedy and Forrest Williams, Casey Kearney Band, Bay High School Million Dollar Band, The Wildlife Specials, Boukou Groove, and Luke Langford Band.

The Bay High Million Dollar Band was a recipient of \$10,000 from Bands of 30A's October 2018 Hurricane Michael relief concert after their band room, instruments and practice facility were destroyed. They will be performing and updating on the progress they have made since the storm and how they have used the contributed funds.

providing the quality sound.

The event is FREE to attend, but concertgoers are asked to make a \$10 donation for full day access to the concert. Shunk Gulley will have plated meals for sale, and Grayton Beer Company and Oyster City Brewery will be on site providing choice local brews. Baytowne Provisions will be pouring the

Cultivate Community Gardens will have an interactive kids corner available. Youngsters can make their own bean tambourines and mosaics out of seed, beans and other natural materials.

Document and share your day on social media at the Bands of 30A Interactive GIF Photo Booth sponsored by Homes on 30A.

In addition to monetary donations, guests are encouraged to stop by the OneBlood bus to donate blood. Donations of all blood types are needed. Healthy people who are at least 16 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds can donate. Photo identification is required.

Event sponsors include Tribe Kelly Surf Post, 30A Event Planning, ipromoteu, Casey Kearney Music, Coyote Ugly, Luke & Blue's, Sunrise Coffee Co., Caught Your Moment Photography, Unique Perspectives, Eloquent Signs, Side Hustle Graphic Design, Dillon's Beach Services. Impact Design Studio, Brand Styled, and SWStitchery.

The Gulley Amphitheater at Gulf Place is located For more info, visit bandsof30a.com, call 850-797on Spires Lane in Santa Rosa Beach. Guests are 9714, or email bandsof30a@gmail.com. encouraged to bring blankets and chairs.



Casey Kearney

Jazz on the Lawn at Destin Library with BMA Winner **Cheryl Jones**

In celebration of Jazz Appreciation month, the Destin Library will host an extraordinary afternoon of jazz on the lawn with Beachcomber Music Award winner Cheryl Jones Tuesday, April 16, at noon.

Dr. Jones' many talents include vocalist, entertainer, composer, songwriter, music director and more. She has led her awardwinning music group Jones and Company for over 20 years. Bring a lawn chair and a sack lunch, and relax in the shade of our live oaks while "The Diva" works her magic.

In case on inclement weather, this event will be moved into the library. For more info, contact the library at 850-837-8572.

- Casey Kearney



PET OF THE ISSUE Hansel



Submit your best friend(s) for a future Pet of the Issue feature! Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your April 25 and beyond events by 5 PM Thursday, April 18, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

NOW OPEN

SEED LIBRARY

Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach 850-267-2809

The library welcomes the community to participate in the "Community Seed Library" located next to the New Books section. With spring just around the corner, now is the time to start planning and planting seeds indoors for the spring planting season. Feel free to check out as many seeds from any category to get your garden started this season. Call for more info, or visit today.

THROUGH APRIL 19, 2019

STORYCORPS AND WUWF'S MILITARY VOICES INITIATIVE

First United Methodist Church, 6 East Wright Street, Pensacola

wuwf.org storycorps.org



StoryCorps is the national nonprofit dedicated to "recording, preserving and sharing the stories of people from all backgrounds and beliefs," and they're teaming up with WUWF Public Media to honor Northwest Florida's veteran and military community. Make reservations online or call 800-850-4406.

THURSDAY. APRIL 11

FRANK HELTON CRAB CRUNCHER CLASSIC Harbor Docks, Destin

HarborDocks.com

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM 850-689-5850 Locally grown produce and more.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11-SUNDAY, APRIL 14

THE 33RD ANNUAL SANDESTIN WINE FESTIVAL

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin

 ${\bf Sandestin Wine Festival.com}$

Four days of unique events offering a wide range of experiences, including wine dinners with celebrity chefs and tastings showcasing hundreds of wines. More in this issue's Food + Beverage section.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM
GrandBoulevard.com

HOPE ON THE BEACH EGG DROP PALOOZA

Driftwood Estates Park, Santa Rosa Beach, 11 AM-1 PM

Hopeonthebeach.com



A FREE community event, during which 5,000 eggs (with candy and prizes) are dropped from a helicopter onto the soccer field. Plus—photo ops with the Easter Bunny, Betty Longlegs, food, games, inflatable slide and more.



Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Ashley (right) presents a \$5,000 donation to Children in Crisis on behalf of the Okaloosa County Law Enforcement Trust Fund to CIC prez and CEO Ken Hair and CIC development director Allie Noah. The funding will be used to continue the CIC Safe Neighborhood, Crime Prevention and Drug Abuse Prevention/Education programs for the over 100 at-risk children that will call the CIC Children's Neighborhood home this year. Learn more at childrenincrisisfl.org.



Events

MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY

Fort Walton Beach Landing, 11 AM-6 PM

FWBChamber.com

Hosted by **Step One Automotive Group**, the event includes live music (**Matizzy**, Noon-2:30 PM; **Shazam Rock**, 3-4 PM), FREE children's play area with inflatables and laser tag, military services exhibitors, food and drink from a variety of vendors, and drawings for prizes (paddleboards, gas grills, etc.). All amenities are FREE for military and veterans and their families. Call 850-244-8191 for more info.

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SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 8 AM

SeasideFL.com

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

30A FARMERS MARKET

Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

TAX DAY WINE TASTING

Twisted Grape Café and Wine Bar, Shalimar, 6-8 PM 850-651-5100

Tasting pairing is \$15. Live music by **Alexa Burroughs** from 6 to 9 PM.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM 850-689-5850 Locally grown produce and more.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

LADIES' NIGHT

Camille's at Crystal Beach, Destin

www. Camilles At Crystal Beach. com

Half off drinks for the ladies! Two bucks off sushi rolls!

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM 850-689-5850

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PANHANDLE UNITED ROLLER DERBY 2019 FRESH MEAT BOOTCAMP

Meet and greet and information session. Bootcamp commences **April 23.** More info at **PanhandleUnitedRollerDerby.com.**

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY "LUMBER OF LOVE" INSTALL

Grand Lawn, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, Miramar Beach, 8 AM

Habitat seeks 100 volunteers to help build the floor for the **Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation** event (plywood graciously donated by **Rex Lumber**). Sign up at https://signup.com/go/zEzHdcu. The "dismantle" will take place Sunday, April 28.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

EASTER EXPLOSION

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, Noon-3 PM

BaytowneWharf.com

Family-friendly entertainment, including lawn games, face painting, inflatable obstacle course, and photo ops with the Easter Bunny.

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM
GrandBoulevard.com

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

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SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 8 AM

SeasideFL.com

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

EASTER AT EMERALD GRANDE

Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, 10 AM-2 PM, 11 AM-3 PM and 2-4 PM 850-424-0622

Enjoy an Easter plated brunch in the Grande Vista Bar. Cost is \$29 for adults, \$14 for kids (not including tax and gratuity). Reservations highly recommended.

EASTER BRUNCH IN THE HARBORVIEW ROOM

Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, 10 AM-2 PM

850-424-0622

Cost is \$32 for adults, \$16 for kids, FREE for ages 3 and under (not including tax and gratuity). Reservations highly recommended.

FOURTH ANNUAL EASTER EGG DASH

Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Destin, Noon-3 PM www.lulubuffett.com/destin



FREE event with a visit from the Easter Bunny, photo ops, Easter egg hunt, and the Egg Dash at 2 PM.

30A FARMERS MARKET

Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

VISIT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 2-4 PM

HarborWalkVillage.com

Children's activities, face painting and more. Plus—receive one FREE 4x6 photo per family courtesy of **SB Photos of Destin.**

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

IMPACT 100 NWF WORKSHOP FOR NONPROFITS SEEKING GRANTS

Grace Lutheran Church, 4325 Commons Drive West, Destin, 8:30 AM-Noon

www.impactnwf.org









This year, IMPACT 100 NWF seeks grant applications focusing on projects in the following areas—Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Family, and Health & Education. Limit two people per nonprofit organization. Advance registration (by **April 16**) is strongly encouraged—you can do it online.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

LADIES' NIGHT

Camille's at Crystal Beach, Destin

www.CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com

Half off drinks for the ladies! Two bucks off sushi rolls!

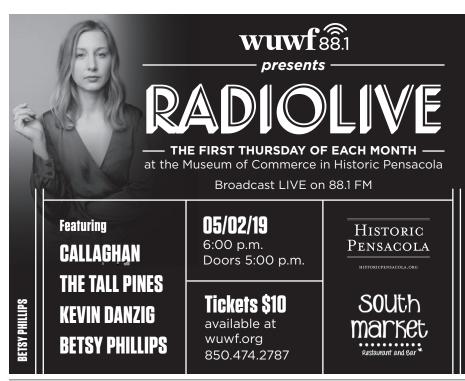
SUNDAY, OCT. 13

30A HALF MARATHON & 5K

Scenic Highway 30A

Register at **30Ahalf.com.** Deadline is **Sept. 28** for all runners.

Save the date! 2019 Beachcomber Music Awards Monday, Aug. 26, at Al's Beach Club, Okaloosa Island.





Happy belated birthday to Caring and Sharing of South Walton volunteer Kay Skippe, who turned 100 on April 5 (same day as Editor Manson, who might as well have turned 100). Ms. Skippe has been working with the organization for over 15 years and remains a dedicated advocate of Caring and Sharing's mission. Director Kim Hope: "We are so lucky to have Ms. Kay volunteering with us all these years. She keeps us on our toes..."

Photo submitted by Carly Harmer.

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 AM Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass schedule (through Sept. 30)—Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM; Saturday, confessions from 4 to 4:30 PM, mass at 5 PM; daily mass Monday through Friday, 8 AM; First Friday Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM; First Saturday Mass, 8 AM Holy Days of Obligation, 8 AM and 6:30 PM 307 Beach Drive, Destin.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sundays – 7:30 AM beach services at Henderson Beach State Park; Crab Trap, Destin; Crab Trap, Okaloosa Island Boardwalk. Contemporary service in the Sanctuary at 9 AM. Contemporary Xalt service at 10:30 AM in the Destin Life Center. Traditional service in the Sanctuary at 11 AM. Sunset beach service at Henderson Beach State Park, 5:30 PM. **DestinUMC.org**.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 AM Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 PM Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN

Sunday bible study at 9:15 AM, worship service at 10:30 AM, prayer group at 5 PM Wednesday supper at 6 PM, followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE

Sunday services at 10 AM and Wednesdays at 6 PM 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GATHERING 151 Eglin Pkwy NE, Fort Walton Beach. **comegather.com**.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:45
AM (traditional worship) and 10 AM (contemporary worship). 4747 U.S. 98
West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday worship service, 9:30 AM Sunday school for kids, confirmation class for youth, and adult bible study, 10:45 AM 4325 Commons Drive, Destin, 850-654-1679.

HOPE ON THE BEACH Beach worship at 8 AM at Ed Walline Beach, across from Gulf

Place; and at Inlet Beach, at the Orange Street beach access. Worship at 9:30 AM at Shunk Gulley Oyster Bar, on the corner of 393 and 30A. And worship at 11 AM at our 98 Church Campus, at 3834 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach. For more information, call 850-267-0322 or email pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.

NICEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday bible study at 9 AM, worship at 10 AM. Sunday evening service, 5 PM. Mid-week bible study Wednesdays at 7 PM. 801 John Sims Parkway East, Niceville. 850-678-2911.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday vigil mass, 5 PM; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 AM; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 AM and 6 PM; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 AM; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 PM or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 AM, worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 PM year round. Sunday services at 8 AM, 10 AM and 5 PM Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. **www.saintritaparish.org.**

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 AM Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational Sunday services at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 AM Check out our new location at 140 Palmetto Street in Destin, in the old Nightown building.www.shorelinechurch.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 AM Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 AM 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 AM and 5 PM 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 AM 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.

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EDUCATIONAL

EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. **www.ecscience.org.**

FARMERS MARKETS

30A FARMERS MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS'
 MARKET AT SANDESTIN 600 Grand
 Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays
 year-round, 9 AM-1 PM
- 30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY Sundays year-round, 9 AM-1 PM Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 AM-1 PM

GOLF

REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest's* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. **www.regattabay.com.**

SANTA ROSA GOLF & BEACH CLUB Referred to as the "Purest golf in the Florida

Panhandle" by *Golf* Magazine, this 18-hole, par 72 course offers five sets of tees and a challenge for every skill level of handicap. Situated on 80 pristine acres in the heart of Santa Rosa Beach, this course has a unique character only found around the Highway 30A corridor. Holes three through five wind around a complex of dunes, all within a few hundred yards of the Gulf of Mexico. Dining, driving range, putting green and club rentals available. 334 Golf Club Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2229. www.santarosaclub.com.

MARINE PARKS/ AOUARIUMS

GULFARIUM MARINE ADVENTURE PARK Delight in watching dolphins leap and sea lions play during spectacular shows! Or participate and interact directly with these and other remarkable marine animals including stingrays, seals and penguins during interactive programming (advance reservations required). Enjoy educational exhibits and beautiful Gulf views. Open daily at 9 AM 1010 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-243-9046. **www.gulfarium.com.**

MUSEUMS

DESTIN HISTORY & FISHING MUSEUM

Open year round, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM Call for holiday hours of operation. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and military and \$3 for children. 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, 850-837-6611.

INDIAN TEMPLE MOUND MUSEUMArtifacts and displays showing the rich Indian history of this area. 139 Hwy. 98SE, FWB, 850-833-9595.

MUSIC STORES

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PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 AM with the last tour at 3 PM The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 AM to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION

AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A. Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARLER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

TOPSAIL HILL PRESERVE STATE PARK offers a wide variety of natural resources, including 3.2 miles of public beach access with majestic dunes over 25 feet tall. Our 1,600 acre preserve includes rare coastal dune lakes, old-growth long leaf pines and sand pine scrub, and a variety of wetlands offer a bird watching and hiking paradise. Visitors may bike, walk,or enjoya quick ride to the beach on our timely tram service to swim, fish, sunbathe or beachcomb. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. A park store offers a variety of camping items, as well as souvenirs and bike, kayak, canoe and SUP rentals. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. Gregory E. Moore RV resort features a (non-heated) swimming pool and shuffleboard courts. Furnished bungalows are available for weekly stays. 7525 West County Highway 30A Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-8330. www. floridastateparks.org/topsailhill.

TUMBLING, ETC.

BEACH ELITE CHEER AND TUMBLE Here visiting and need to work on your tumbling skills? Just a short 15-minute drive from Destin in the heart of Fort Walton Beach, Beach Elite Cheer and Tumble is the only cheerleading and tumbling facility for ages 3 to 18 in the area. If you're looking for something fun and different to do, let our experienced and nationally certified staff help you out. Try a tumbling class for a \$15 drop-in fee, or open gym every Friday from 6:30 to 10 PM with dinner included for only \$15. For more information, visit beachelitecheerleading. com, call 850-362-6459, or email info@ beachelitecheerleading.com. We hope to see you soon! #GoodVibes

Get your place listed here! Email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com.**

Author and Filmmaker Junger Takes Center Stage at NWF Reads

New York Times bestselling author and renowned director **Sebastian Junger** will take center stage at the main event for Northwest Florida State College's NWF Reads, the college's annual weeklong literacy event, **April 15** at 7 PM in the Mattie Kelly Arts Center Mainstage Theater in Niceville. The event is FREE and open to the public with a book signing to follow.

Mr. Junger is the internationally acclaimed author of *WAR*, *The Perfect Storm*, *A Death in Belmont* and *Fire*. He also directed the documentary films *Restrepo* and *Korengal*. As a contributor to *Vanity Fair* magazine and ABC News, he has covered major international news stories and has been awarded the National Magazine Award and a SAIS Novartis Prize for Journalism.

"We're thrilled to welcome renowned journalist and director Sebastian Junger to Northwest Florida State College," said **Dr. Devin Stephenson**, president. "Junger has made a significant impact on the military community with his work, and we are honored to offer this free event to our local military members and region."

Immediately preceding Mr. Junger's appearance will be the annual *Blackwater Review* reception in the McIlroy Gallery from 5:45 to 6:45 PM. The event includes selected student readings and the unveiling of the student art selected for the cover of this year's edition of the college's annual literary and fine arts journal.

On Thursday, **April 11**, selected student poets and writers published in this year's *Blackwater Review* will read and perform their pieces at a casual event at 6 PM in the McIlroy Gallery.

For more information contact NWF Reads director Dr. Beverly Holmes at 850-729-6032 or **holmesb@nwfsc.edu**. For a full list of NWF Reads events, visit **www.nwfsc.edu/nwfreads**.

Book Clubs

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

ALL ABOUT BOOKS

Mary Esther Public Library, 10 AM 850-243-5731

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

ADSO BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Art Center, Fort Walton Beach, 5-6 PM

artsdesignsociety.org

The discussion is based on Steven Pressfield's War of Art: Break Through the Blocks and Win Your Inner Creative Battles. Anyone interested in talking about creativity is welcome.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Mary Esther Public Library, 3:30 PM 850-243-5731

TUESDAY, MAY 14

BOOK LOVERS CLUB

Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 AM 850-267-2809

The club meets on the second Tuesday of the month through May 2019. No registration required, and all interested parties are welcome. This season's list includes Christina Baker Kline's A Piece of the World, Kristen Hannah's The Great Alone, John Steinbeck's Travels with Charlie, Lisa Wingate's Before We Were Yours, Celeste Ng's Little Fires Everywhere, David Grann's Killing of the Flower Moon, Mitch Albom's The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto, Jodi Picoult's Small Great Things, and Helen Simonson's The Summer Before the War.

Recommended Reading

Jeff Cioletti

Sakepedia

Turner Publishing

Saké could be the most complicated alcoholic beverage in the world. First, the name's not even accurate. "Saké" simply means "alcoholic beverage." The accurate Japanese word is "nihonshu," referring to what we call "rice wine." Except that it's not really a wine, since it's made from grain, and though it's brewed (like beer), it's not beer either.

New Jersey native Jeff Cioletti feels your pain, and this certified "Kikisake-shi" (saké sommelier) offers *Sakepedia* as a roadmap, manual and BS detector for the saké greenhorn. He takes the reader swiftly through saké's history and the mechanics of its production. He delineates the "regions" of production, identifies principal styles, and offers tasting notes, cocktail recipes and a list of top saké breweries in Japan and—yes!—the USA. Indispensable.

- Bruce Collier

A NON-TRADITIONAL GUIDE TO JAPAN'S TRADITIONAL BEVERAGE SAKE SAKE SINGLE TO JAPAN'S TRADITIONAL BEVERAGE SINGLE TO JAPAN'S TRADITIONAL BEVERAGE

EDITOR'S CHOICE - AUDIOBOOK OF THE YEAR

Greg Iles

Cemetery Road

Audible, Narrated by Scott Brick

My expectations weren't very high for this one—I mean, how could Mr. Iles even come close to his outstanding Natchez Burning trilogy? But not only has he topped it, the story—about a Washington, D.C. journalist who butts heads with the guys that run his old hometown (they're called the Poker Club but might as well be named the Good Ol' Boys)—feels like the perfect one for the Trump era. And it fuels one of the best performances to date from Scott Brick, who will make your Beachcomberland commute a lot less excruciating.

- Chris Manson

Upcoming Books

APRIL 12

Robert Christgau, Book Reports: A Music Critic on His First Love, Which Was Reading. Paperback.

APRIL 16

David Baldacci, Redemption (Memory Man Series)

Ethan Beute, Rehumanize Your Business: How Personal Videos Accelerate Sales and Improve Customer Experience

Chalene Johnson, 131 Method: Your Personalized Nutrition Solution to Boost Metabolism, Restore Gut Health, and Lose Weight

James Patterson, The 13-Minute Murder

Sally Rooney, Normal People: A Novel

Stassi Schroeder, Next Level Basic: The Definitive Basic Bitch Handbook

Bunny Williams, Love Affairs with Houses

APRIL 23

Heather B. Armstrong, The Valedictorian of Being Dead: The True Story of Dying Ten Times to Live

Melinda Gates, The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World

Keith Elliot Greenberg, Where You Goin' with That Gun in Your Hand? The True Crime Blotter of Rock 'n' Roll. Paperback

Graham Hancock, America Before: The Key to Earth's Lost Civilization

Emily Oster, Cribsheet: A Data-Driven Guide to Better, More Relaxed Parenting, from Birth to Preschool

John Sandford, Neon Prey: A Lucas Davenport Novel Weber's Ultimate Grilling: A Step-by-Step Guide to Barbecue Genius

Sources: Amazon.com, Pauseandplay.com



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200 HARBOR BOULEVARD, DESTIN, FL

Poetry Contest Winners Announced

The James and Christian LaRoche Memorial Poetry Contest recently announced the winners of the 2019 contest.

Chance Freytag of Destin won first place and a cash prize of \$100 for his poem "loneliness is former United States President Richard Nixon." Mr. Freytag's poem will be published in the 2019 edition of Northwest Florida State College's annual journal of art and literature, Blackwater Review. The poem will be identified in the publication as the contest winner.

Alizabeth Turner-Ward of Niceville placed second with her poem "Remember You Are Stardust." Ms. Turner-Ward will be awarded a cash prize of \$50.

Courtney Swanson of Shalimar took third place with her poem "How to Be a Child" and will receive a cash prize of \$25.

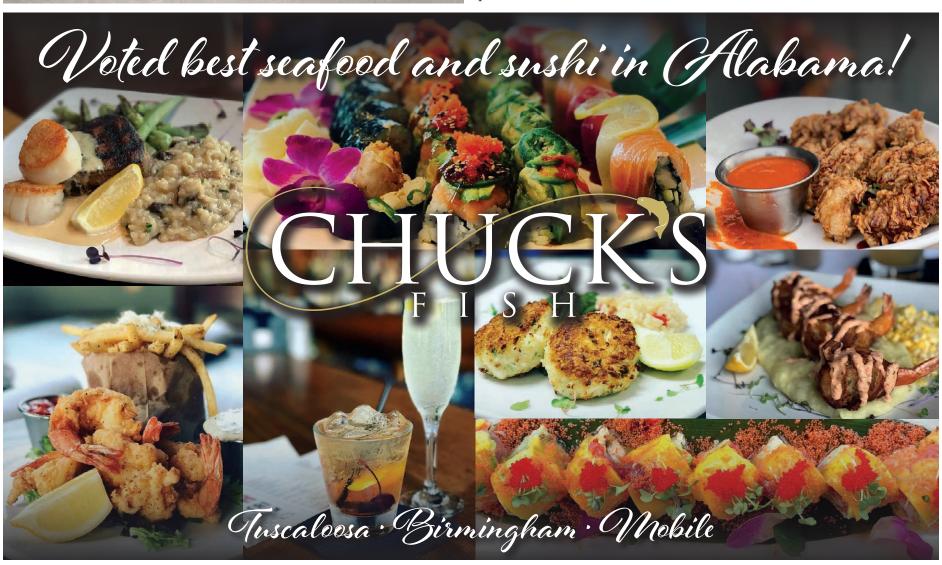
The winners will be recognized Thursday, **April 18**, at 5 PM during the Student Awards & Honors Ceremony in the Raider Café on the NWF State College's Niceville campus.

For 33 years the LaRoche name has been associated with poetry at NWF. In 1986, Christian LaRoche instituted the James N. LaRoche Memorial Poetry Contest to honor her late husband, who was a poet and an instructor at the college from 1968 to 1983.

The name was changed after the death of Christian LaRoche, when the LaRoches' son, Frederic, changed the name to the James and Christian LaRoche Memorial Poetry Contest in honor of both of his parents and their commitment to the writing arts.

The James and Christian LaRoche Memorial Poetry Contest is an annual contest open to all NWF undergraduates.

- nwfsc.edu



Reviews -The VP's Movie of Choice



Unplanned

Directed by Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman

In Theaters

So good to see movie theaters across the country showing @ **UnplannedMovie** – a deeply inspiring new pro-life film based on the bestselling book by @AbbyJohnson. More & more Americans are embracing the sanctity of life because of powerful stories like this one. **#Unplanned**

- Vice President Mike Pence (@VP) via Twitter

Editor's Note: But did you see the movie?

EDITOR'S CHOICE Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse Directed

by Bob Persichetti, Peter Ramsey and Robert Rothman DVD, Blu-ray, On Demand, Red Box, etc.



Apparently, the powers that be at Marvel (or Disney, or whoever) told the wildly imaginative folks behind this year's Oscar winner for Best Animated Film, "Here, take Spider-Man and just do whatever the hell you want with him." A crazy move that pays off in dazzling visuals and big laughs. I hope Spider-Ham (a/k/a Peter Porker) gets his own movie, or at least turns up in the next Avengers flick.

- Chris Manson

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

FREE DOUBLE FEATURE

Vinyl Music Hall, Pensacola Cameron Crowe's immortal 1989 classic Say Anything and The Rocky Horror Picture

MONDAY, APRIL 15

"SCOOBY-DOO"

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 8 PM www.HarborWalkVillage.com

Bring the family to the Destin Harbor for a FREE movie under the stars.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

FREE FAMILY MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 7 PM

ALSBEACHCLUB.COM/MOVIENIGHT

LASSE HALLSTROM'S "CHOCOLAT"

Destin Library, 2 PM 850-837-8572

FREE screening of the Oscar-nominated romantic drama starring Juliette Binoche, Judi Dench, Alfred Molina, Lena Olin and Johnny Depp. Sponsored by the Friends Guild of the Destin Library.

MONDAY, APRIL 22

"MADAGASCAR"

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 8 PM www.HarborWalkVillage.com

Bring the family to the Destin Harbor for a

FREE movie under the stars.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

FREE FAMILY MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, The Boardwalk Okaloosa Island 7 PM

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UPCOMING DVD/ BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

APRIL 16

The Kid Who Would Be King. It was just another day for Alex, until he stumbled upon the Sword in the Stone...

APRIL 23

Bisbee '17. Director Robert Greene's acclaimed "procedural documentary" (whatever that means).

PLUS: A bunch of turkeys that were released in theaters early in 2019!

Source: Metacritic.com

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

APRIL 12

After. Josephine Langford, Hero Fiennes

Hellboy. David Harbour, Milla Jovovich.

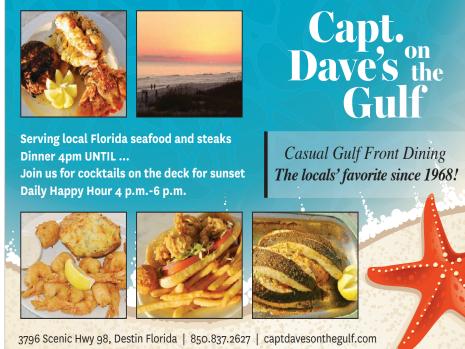
Little. Regina Hall, Marsai Martin, Issa

Missing Link. Animated. Voices of Emma Thompson, Hugh Jackman, Timothy Olyphant, Zach Galifianakis.

APRIL 19

The Curse of La Llorona. The Weeping Woman strikes terror all over the world!

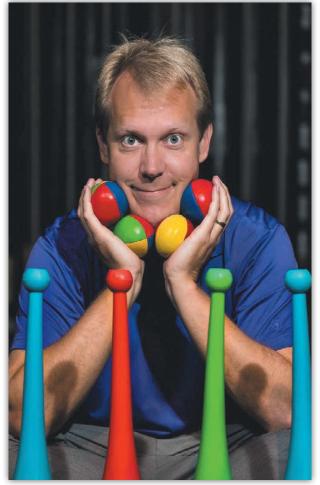
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	Sunset	7:13pm	Low 4:37am
	Moon	75%	High 6:49pm
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	Sunset	7:14pm	Low 5:44am
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	Sunset	7:19pm	Low 12:24am
	Moon	74%	High 1:35pm

DESTIN EAST PASS TIDE Stage > Upcoming Stage Shows





Damon Sumner and Jason Hedden bring the funny to Miramar Beach April 17.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

ACT4MYSTERY'S "TOP O' THE MURDER TO YOU!"

La Paz, Destin, Seating at 6:30 PM, Dinner and Show at 7 Act4Mystery.com

Paula Hilton and her award-winning comedy troupe celebrate all things Irish as Dr. Paddy McFaddy unveils a treasure trove of historic artifacts. Plus, someone is going to die! With Cynthia Bergquist, Joe Chase, Susan DeJesus, Ken Olson, and Mary Ann Troiano as "Patches McButterpants." Cost is \$34.95 for dinner and show, plus tax and gratuity. VIP packages available.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

CAPT. DAVY AND THE CROSSBONES CREW PIRATE SHOW Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 5-9 PM ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS "CASH FOR COMEDY"

560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7 PM

EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

You bring the money, and Emerald Coast Theatre Company (ECTC) will bring the funny. Proceeds from "Cash for Comedy" will benefit ECTC's \$125,000 capital campaign.

The first act features The Side Splitters, a comedy improv troupe based in Panama City. As their name suggests, the Side Splitters' in-the-moment spontaneous comedy—based on



suggestions provided by the audience—will make you laugh so hard, you'll split your sides.

The second act keeps the laughs rolling with two hilarious standup comedy performances. Panama City actor and comedian Jason Hedden will warm up the house and tickle funny bones with fun-loving physical comedy, juggling and laser sharp wit.

Damon Sumner is an Atlanta-based comic whose comedy zeroes in on hilarious, witty stories about his upbringing and unique observations about everyday life. Described as a blend of Kevin Hart and Jim Gaffigan, Mr. Sumner's credits include Epix's Unprotected Sets and Prime Video's Indie Life. He can be heard on Sirius XM's Rawdoa and the Forth and Ten podcast.

In 2012, Mr. Sumner toured China for a year and was a part of the team that opened Kungfu Comedy Club, the first full-time mainland comedy club in China. He has performed at illustrious comedy festivals around America, including the Dallas Comedy Festival, Laugh Your Asheville Off Comedy Festival, Out of Bounds Comedy Festival, and the Hell Yes Comedy Festival.

ECTC is 60 percent toward its capital campaign goal of \$125,000. ECTC producing artistic director Nathanael Fisher says, "Each year we serve more than 10,000 patrons and children at our Grand Boulevard location. Our capital campaign will enable us to purchase fundamental items to continue to provide the highquality experience our patrons deserve. We invite everyone to come out to have a few laughs and help us fill our coffers."

Some of the items on ECTC's "capital wish list" include LED stage lighting, professional-grade sound system equipment, curtains, chairs, computers and printers, wardrobe and prop storage, a baby grand piano and more.

Tickets for the event are \$95. Purchase tickets online or call the Box Office at 850-684-0323.

- Zandra Wolfgram

MONDAY, APRIL 22

CAPT. DAVY AND THE CROSSBONES CREW PIRATE SHOW Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 5-9 PM ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

Food + Beverage > Dining with Bruce Collier

Corner Wine Bar Offers Medley of Contrasting Tastes, Textures

I've been a fan of **Vin'tij** since it opened more than 20 years ago in Miramar Beach. In case you haven't been for a while, they've moved from their more modest location in the Silver Sands area, and are now a part of the Grand Boulevard universe.

The restaurant sits on a corner, opposite a movie theatre and surrounded by upscale shops and dining establishments. Inside is spacious, an L-shaped dining area/wine shop, shelves of bottles and accessories, a large main dining room, back dining room, and outdoor tables and chairs for warm weather—which we did not have that day.

The decor is sleek but inviting, with polished wood, dark blue and silver to complement the gleaming rows of glasses, buckets and wine bottles. There's a long wine bar with stools, and plenty of view.

We got a seat along the wall. Our server (Jenelle) gave us menus and water. After reciting the evening's specials, she left us to decide while she brought hot bread and olive oil.

You'll be asked if you want pepper flakes in your olive oil, but my advice is to pass and just enjoy the oil as is—it's that good, and the bread (almost too hot to handle) just needs a thorough dip to make it perfect.

The dinner menu lists starters (including soup and salad), main courses, sides, kids plates and desserts. The wine list offers wines by the glass (3 ounce, 6 ounce, and full bottle sizes) and wines from the tap. There's also beer, soft drinks, and house specialties like sangria and sake cocktails.

My wife needs to avoid dairy, which necessitated inquiry into the ingredients of some dishes. Jenelle

Lamb chops.

I've been a fan of **Vin'tij** since it opened more than was very helpful, and we were able to navigate the 20 years ago in Miramar Beach. In case you haven't menu successfully.

We started with the Vin'tij charcuterie board. It's market priced, and turned out to be \$32. That said, it's plenty for three, and could even serve four as a snack. The board is covered with a colorful and enticing selection of tidbits, including sliced smoked duck, house made pork and chicken sausages, lemon Stilton, Port Salut, crumbly blueberry cheese, mini quiches, pickled fruits and vegetables, seasoned nuts, spicy salami, and toasted bread. There are many textures, colors and flavors - creamy, crunchy, chewy, sweet, tart, savory, salty and smoky.

Other starters include soup of the day, basket of assorted breads, Caesar salad, raspberry port wine salad, seasonal seafood cakes, oyster crostini, fried calamari, and a short rib poutine with fries, meat, gravy and white cheddar.

For the entree, I chose a daily special—lamb chops with applewood bacon and scallion potato cake, blueberry gastrique and asparagus. My wife ordered a Worcestershire steak, a 14-ounce ribeye, which she got with roasted potatoes (substituted for the smashed potatoes, which contained dairy) and collards. Our daughter Grace ordered a burger and fries.

We weren't drinking wine that night, but I noticed the server at an adjoining table being very helpful on wine-pairing suggestions. It's nice to know the house wants to make you happy.

Our food arrived, both lamb and beef cooked as ordered. My chops were dense and rich, and I gnawed the little ribs without hesitation. The potato cake was loaded with creamy potatoes and



Strawberry fried pie.



smoked bacon, and the tart gastrique countered the richness.

My wife's ribeye was cooked with a house made Worcestershire sauce, tangy and assertive, just right for the earthy cut of beef. She's ordinarily not a fan of collards, but finished every bite.

Other main courses include a daily fish, cumin seared tuna, pan seared salmon, pecan chicken, shrimp and grits, shrimp and scallop linguini, and a vegan lucky bowl—roasted cauliflower, potatoes, mushrooms, garlic green beans, blistered tomatoes, peppers, and arugula and garlic chips over stir fried quinoa rice.

There's a dessert list, plus specials. That night they had warm griddled lemon pound cake, pecan pie, cheesecake, flourless chocolate cake, house made ice cream, and a strawberry fried pie. My wife opted out, so my daughter and I ordered the pie. I can't pass up fruit pie, it's that simple.

There was plenty for two, dusted with powdered sugar, in a berry coulis, with a chocolate ganache truffle and whipped cream as garnish. It's crunchy, sweet and tangy, loaded with fresh chopped berries in a light glaze.

We packed up Grace's leftovers and half of my wife's steak, plus the uneaten bread. Jenelle even sent home a little cup of the olive oil so the bread wouldn't be lonely.

VIN'TIJ

500 Grand Boulevard #100K Miramar Beach 850-650-9820

Hours: Open daily for breakfast 8 AM-3 PM, lunch 8 AM-3 PM, dinner 5-9 PM.

Reservations: Accepted
Children's Menu: Yes

Dress: Casual

A corner cafe that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, and doubles as a wine bar. Vin'tij offers wines by the glass and on tap, plus a carefully constructed menu of fresh fish, shellfish, beef, lamb and chicken served both simply and elaborately, offering a variety of textures, sauces and flavors. Steak, lamb chops, seafood pasta, charcuterie, and vegan options. Daily specials, wine and beer, \$8-48.

Sandestin Wine Festival – Come for the Wine, Stay for the Fun

Special to Beachcomber

The 33rd Annual Sandestin Wine Festival takes place **April 11-14.** The festival has been named the Best Annual Event by *Destin* magazine and the best event in the Visit South Walton Beaches Wine and Food Festival category.

The event, held at the Village of Baytowne Wharf, brings an opportunity for discovery. Four days of unique events open up a wide range of experiences from attending wine dinners with celebrity chefs, participating in preview events throughout the year, and taking part in wine tastings that showcase hundreds of wines.

Wine novices are able to learn more about wines and sample from a comprehensive selection in all varieties, styles and price ranges. Wine aficionados can meet with winemakers, ask detailed questions, and acquire hard to get selections. An added bonus is the opportunity to immediately purchase your favorite selections at the ABC Fine Wine and Spirits Retail Tent at a discounted rate.

Everyone gets to enjoy the live music, interactive experiences at the culinary tents, and shops and dining of the Village of Baytowne Wharf.

Discover more at SandestinWineFestival.com.



Restaurant Guide

If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at chris@beachcomberdestin.com!

AMERICAN

RESTAURANT PARADIS Nestled in the beautiful coastal town of Rosemary Beach, you'll find this hidden gem that loyal customers like to call home. Evoking a warm neighborhood feel, the dining area features an understated wine country elegance. Open for dinner beginning at 5 PM, Paradis is committed to serving fresh seasonal ingredients, which celebrate local produce and an abundance of fresh Gulf seafood, along with prime steaks and fine wines. Paradis welcomes wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, and all celebrations, both intimate and large. Come join us! Located at 82 S Barrett Square, Rosemary Beach. Call 850-534-0400 or visit www.restaurantparadis.com.

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BAKERIES

CAKEMASTER'S BAKERY II Quality baked goods since 1971, made from scratch on the premises by a fourth generation baker. Decorated cakes for all occasions. New Sweet Expressions cake collection. Breakfast pastries—Danish (cheese, pecan, fruit), assorted coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, crumb cake, strudel, bienstich, pecan crispies. Delicious delights—brownies, ragulah, cream fingers, biscotti, cookies (wedding, sugar,

chocolate chip, raisin, fruit bars, holiday) and more. Refrigerated desserts—éclairs, Boston cream pie, cheesecake, black forest cake, Italian rum cake, Napoleons, French creampuffs and more. Come on by and see us. 105 Beach Drive Suite A-3, Fort Walton Beach (behind Pizza Hut on Racetrack Road), 850-862-4911. Closed Mondays.

BARBEQUE

BACK BEACH BARBECUE offers a delicious yet refined menu highlighted by 12-hour slow cooked meats, simple homemade sides, gluten-free options and four sauces made special in house. At the center of attention are the restaurant's two wood fired pits, "Smokey" and "The Bandit," easily viewed and smelled from the covered patio, outdoor patio or via two garage doors which give the restaurant a true open-air feel. Back Beach Barbecue also offers catering for private and corporate events, delivery and a mobile food truck. The restaurant is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, beginning at 6:30 AM. Located at 19714 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach. Call 850-249-0822 or visit www.backbeachbarbecue.com.

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 AM-6 PM Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

BREAKFAST & MORE

ASIAGO'S SKILLET There's no place like it. Open daily from midnight till noon. Try your hand at our one-of-a-kind Crab Cake Benny, mouth watering Bananas Foster French Toast or our classic American Breakfast. We've got something for everyone. Plus, don't miss out on our Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar, complete with infused vodkas, every weekend. Truly breakfast at its best. 110 Amberjack Drive, Okaloosa Island, 850-586-7998. www.facebook.com/asiago.skillet.

BLUE COLLAR CAFE Made to order breakfast and lunch served all day. House made bagels. Full coffee bar with Maas coffee and espresso roasted at the cafe. Home of the famous BOB (breakfast on a bagel) and New York style lox and house-mixed cream cheese. Salads and sides, homemade scones and sweets. Open Mon.-Fri., 7:30 AM-2:30 PM; Saturdays, 8 AM-2 PM 104 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach.

CAMILLE'S CAFE Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

GRITS AND GRIND In 2011, a love affair between Memphis and the NBA Grizzlies began. With a Grit and Grind style of basketball, this southern team exemplifies hard work. Our owners bring the same commitment to hard work and fresh food at Grits & Grind, a breakfast establishment located in Seacrest Beach. We serve up a great southern breakfast and more, with friendly

service in a fun atmosphere. Open daily, 7-11 AM. 10343 E Co. Hwy. 30A, Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021. **gritsandgrindbreakfast.com**.

THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 AM-3 PM daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 AM - 2 PM Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

BURGERS

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-4100. **ALSBEACHCLUB.COM**

CASUAL DINING

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. **GraffitiFBS.com**

COFFEE SHOPS

MAAS COFFEE ROASTERS Fresh roasted beans of origin, roasted in different profiles. Specialty coffee roasters for over 10 years. "Once you go Maas, you'll never go 'Bucks!" Fresh made pastries and bagels, FREE WiFi. Open Mon.-Sat., 8 AM-6 PM; Sundays, 9 AM-4 PM 150 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, across from the Indian Temple Mound Museum. 850-585-0496.



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CONTEMPORARY

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

DINNER & A SHOW

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK If you're looking for something different in town for the whole family, come enjoy Graffiti & The Funky Blues Shack. We've been around for 20-plus years doing what we do best – FOOD + MUSIC! Our dishes are tried and true and are sure to satisfy everyone in your group. Our menu showcases a little bit of everything. We offer some of the best gourmet pizzas and pastas in town. We also prepare fresh caught Gulf seafood and perfectly grilled filets. Vegetarian? No worries, we've got you covered, too. While enjoying your delectable meal, you will also experience listening or boogieing to some of the best local and outof-town talent. We have Jazz Jams, Blues Jams, and everything in between. We weren't voted Best Live Music Venue three years in a row for nothing! Summer music schedule is seven days a week-Sun.-Thu., 7-10 PM and Fri. and Sat., 8 PM until... We have a full bar and offer an early Happy Hour from 4 to 7 PM, as well as a late night Happy Hour Friday and Saturday (check website for time). Located at 34902 Emerald Coast Parkway in Destin. For reservations, call 850-424-6650. Full menu and music schedule at GraffitiFBS.com.

REDD'S FUELING STATION a/k/a Redd's Pub N Song, specializes in great food and music. The menu is simple but delicious, including slow cooked beef brisket, sweet and spicy babybacks and fried green tomato BLTs. Redd the Singing Bartender sings as she bartends, hosts and serves on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—customers can participate by requesting songs for tips. Redd offers over 350 songs to choose from. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, the longest running open mic on 30A with musicians of all levels and ages welcome. We have the sound system, you bring your instrument and your talent. Friday nights are live music. Redd likes to promote local musicians and several popular local bands had their first gigs here, including the Luke Langford Band and Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang. Dinner reservations for four or more are highly recommended. Located at 2320 West County Highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Call 850-325-0252 for information and reservations. Visit www. reddsfuel.com and find Redd's Pub N Song on Facebook.

ECLECTIC

CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. **GraffitiFBS.com**

THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. **www.theredbar.com.**

FINE DINING

EDWARD'S FINE FOOD AND WINE Relax, you're at Edward's. Open everyday from 5 PM until everyone is full. Courtyard and indoor seating available. Join us at the chef's counter, and watch as the team prepares gourmet dishes to order. We love children, so for safety and as a courtesy to others, children must remain seated with their parents. We operate on a first come first serve and do not take reservations. We look forward to serving you. 66 Main Street, Rosemary Beach, 850-231-0550. **Edwards30a.**

GERMAN/AMERICAN

FOKKERS PUB German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 AM-3 PM and 5-9 PM 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, georgesatalysbeach.net.

ITALIAN

CIAO ITALIA BISTRO Dine inside or outside at Guglielmo Ianni's latest bistro. The big menu offers classic Italian appetizers like bruschetta, caprese and calamari, and a range of pasta, chicken, meat, fish and shellfish entrees—puttanesca, Bolognese, parmigiana, pescatore, and some house originals. Daily specials, family dining options, comfortable atmosphere and friendly service. Full bar. Open Monday through Saturday, 5-10 PM 985 U.S. 98 East, Suite F, Destin, 850-842-4677.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. **GraffitiFBS.com**

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy--beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 PM 36178

Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

LATIN / MEXICAN

BUD & ALLEY'S TACO BAR Shake the sand off your feet, choose a colorful table, and get ready to experience South of the Border favorites, Florida-style. Baja fish tacos, homemade guacamole, burritos, top shelf margaritas, and ice cold cerveza hit the spot for lunch or dinner. Open daily, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-4781. **BudAndAlleys.com.**

LA COCINA is a Latin-inspired restaurant featuring both specialty dishes with a Latin flair as well as classic Tex-Mex cuisine. Nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach (in Seacrest Beach), the friendly staff offers some of the best drinks along 30A, including housemade mojitos, sangria, and a selection of fresh squeezed lime margaritas. La Cocina is always voted as one of South Walton's hot spots for Mexican cuisine. All dishes are prepared from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. Open daily for lunch, 11:30 AM-3 PM, dinner from 5 to 9 PM. Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021.

LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. **www.lapazdestin.com.**

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. **www.mypepitos.com**.

ROCKIN TACOS GRILL & TEQUILA BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-8226. **ROCKINTACOS.COM**

PIZZA & PASTA

BUD & ALLEY'S PIZZA BAR + TRATTORIA Savor artisan cheese, fresh salad, antipasto dishes, homemade soups, seasonal vegetables, hearty pastas and wood-fired pizza. Experience these authentic flavors in the courtyard, fireside at the bar, or on the veranda overlooking the Gulf. Open daily for lunch and dinner, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-3113. BudAndAlleysPizzaBar.com.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. **GraffitiFBS.com**

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

SEAFOOD

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR Destin, 850-654-2722. CRABTRAP FLORIDA. COM

THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-301-0959. CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM

DEWEY DESTIN'S HARBORSIDE RESTAURANT The classics, done right. Shrimp, crab, tuna, grouper, scallops, oysters and some land-based items, served fried, grilled, or steamed in most conceivable combinations. Family-friendly, accommodating staff. Nightly specials, full bar. Open daily at 11 AM 202 Harbor Boulevard, Destin, 850-837-7525.

DEWEY DESTIN'S NAVARRE All your favorites, plus live music with Beachcomber Music Award winner Austin Jennings every Saturday night from 8 to 11. Open Sun.-Thu., 11 AM-8 PM, and Fri.-Sat., 11 AM-9 PM. 8673 Navarre Parkway, Navarre, 850-710-7070.

DEWEY DESTIN'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT Get fed with the real locals on Calhoun. Dine inside or out on the water, choosing from grilled and fried local fish and shellfish. Oysters, scallops, shrimp, crab, yellowfin and daily catch served in baskets, on platters or on sandwiches with gumbo, apps and salads that all go well with the laid-back setting. Beer and wine. Open daily at 11 AM 9 Calhoun Avenue, Destin, 850-837-7575.

FLOYD'S SHRIMP HOUSE Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-243-2232. FLOYDSSHRIMPHOUSE.COM

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 AM-9 PM for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 PM 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. **info@emeraldgrande.com.**

HARBOR DOCKS on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area's best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. **harbordocks.com.**

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 AM-7 PM 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. info@harryts.co.

OLD BAY STEAMER Wide variety of fresh steamed seafood served in every imaginable combination. Choose from crab, shrimp, lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, and fresh catch of the day. Pasta and steak/seafood pairings also offered. Friendly, efficient service. Open daily for dinner, with full bar. \$4-27, 102 Santa Rosa Blvd.. Okaloosa Island. 664-2795.



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ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK Located on the water. The Crab Shack serves crab, shrimp, oysters, mussels, scallops and assorted local fish in an informal and family-friendly atmosphere. Crab steamer buckets, fried seafood baskets, sandwiches and po-boys, and some land-based items. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Daily specials, inside and outside dining. Full bar. \$3-45. 104 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach. 850-664-0345.

POMPANO JOE'S Come on in for some fun and fresh seafood with a very exciting flavor. Try our famous reggae rolls and our garlic crusted grouper! Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 AM 2237 Scenic Gulf Highway, Destin. Take Holiday Road South, turn right on scenic Hwy. 98, drive down about two blocks, and you'll find us on the left side. **www.pompano-joes.com**. 850-837-2224.

SALTWATER GRILL We provide a relaxing, casual atmosphere designed to heighten the enjoyment of our customers' dining experience. Most of our tables have entertaining views of a 25,000-gallon aquarium filled with dozens of exotic fish. Our Gulf fresh seafood and choice steaks are amazing. We welcome you to join us. Open daily—Sun.-Thu., 4-10 PM, Fri.-Sat., 4-11 PM. Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP Seafood is king at this informal Santa Rosa Beach eatery. Oysters "all ways," crawfish pie, catfish or frog legs meuniere, and gumbo are just a few of the Louisiana-inspired dishes. Service is friendly and attentive. Open daily 11 AM to 10 PM Serving brunch on Sunday from 10 AM to 3 PM Beer, wine and live music at Stinky's Bait Shack from 6 to 9 PM 5960 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3053.

THE SURF HUT Miramar Beach, 850-460-7750. SURFHUTDESTIN.COM

STEAKS

MCGUIRE'S IRISH PUB OF DESTIN One of America's Great Steak Houses. Feasting, Imbibery and Debauchery. We are known for great food, exceptional service, our own craft brewed beers, and fun live entertainment. Open LATE, from 11 AM to 1:45 AM seven days a week. 33 U.S. 98, Destin, 850-650-0000, www.mcguiresirishpub. com.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE serves the finest aged, corn-fed USDA Prime beef. Broiled in a trademark 1,800° broiler and served on a plate heated to 500 degrees, your steak is presented sizzling hot at your table. Happy hour daily from 5 to 7 PM in any of our three bars, including the new East Bar. We boast an array of private event spaces, our own private billiard room, valet parking, and live entertainment five nights a week from *Billboard*-charting recording artist Michael J Thomas (upon availability). Open seven days a week at 5 PM For reservations, call 850-837-RUTH (7884) or visit **www.RuthsChrisDestin.com.**

SALTWATER GRILL Open 4-10 PM 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, **saltwatergrillpcb.com.**

SUSHI

JACKACUDAS SEAFOOD & SUSHI is a locally-owned seafood and sushi restaurant overlooking the historic Destin Harbor. The name derives from a famous fishing hole located 34 miles southwest of the Destin Harbor at 30'04.250N and 87'02.125W. Specializing in fresh, locally sourced seafood and products to provide our guests with classic Gulf Coast seafood dishes with New South culinary preparation. Open daily, 11 AM-10 PM 56 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-424-3507. www.jackacudas.com.

TAPAS AND WINE

LA CREMA TAPAS AND CHOCOLATE
Spanish-inspired tapas restaurant featuring
unique tapas and Spanish wines. The European
vibe provides a relaxing atmosphere where we
encourage guests to share dishes, converse and
enjoy Rosemary Beach living. Open 11 AM-9 PM
38 Main St., Rosemary Beach, 850-624-7282,
lacrematapas.com.

WATERFRONT DINING

BUD & ALLEY'S WATERFRONT RESTAURANT A pioneer of the fish- and farm-to-table movement, with an award-winning menu featuring Gulf Coast classics paired with Southern-style cuisine. The daily Sunset Celebration ritual on the Rooftop Deck overlooking the Gulf has been a tradition for more than 30 years. Open daily for breakfast (8-11 AM), lunch (11 AM-2:30 PM) and dinner (from 5 PM). Hours may vary. 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-5900. BudAndAlleys.com.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. **www.CrabIslandCantina.com.**

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE From a volcano flowing with Margaritas to suspended airplanes, Margaritaville is more than a restaurant; it's a state of mind. Open daily, 11 AM-10 PM Five O'Clock Somewhere celebration Mon.-Thu.,

4-7 PM 76 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-7700. www.margaritavilledestin.com.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S DESTIN is located next to the Mid Bay Bridge and Legendary Marine on the Choctawhatchee Bay in beautiful Destin, Florida. A little off the beaten path, but we like a little more room to breathe. Specializing in the BEST Burgers in Paradise, Southern Favorites and Lucy's own GUMBO LOVE! Family friendly! Come by boat, anchor and wade in or call for our boat shuttle. Open daily at 11 AM. Live music nightly. Separate allergy menu. Beach for the kids to play, Fountain of Youth, LuLu's Gift Shop. 850-710-LULU (5858). www.lulubuffett.com/destin.

VUE ON 30A showcases one of the best views for dining in all of South Walton. Open to the public and serving lunch, dinner, happy hour and Sunday brunch. Named "Best Restaurant of 2014" by Beachcomber, Vue on 30a offers the ultimate dining experience. Open for Sunday brunch, 10 AM-2 PM; Tue.-Thu.—lounge 3-9 PM, dinner 5-9 PM; Fri.-Sat.—lounge 3-10 PM, dinner 5-10 PM; closed Mondays. Happy hour in the lounge only 3-6 PM. Two for one entrée specials Wed.-Sat., 5-6 PM. 4801 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2305. **www.Vueon30a.com.**

WINE BARS

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR in Shalimar is an eclectic restaurant serving lunch and dinner with a varied menu of tapas style plates, flatbreads, Panini, award-winning ZinGouda burger and lasagna at dinnertime, and unique desserts. Our wine list includes wines from around the world. We host fundraising events and are available for any special occasion. Open Mon.-Thu. 11 AM-9 PM, 11 AM-10 PM Fridays, and 5-10 PM Saturdays. 1193 B Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, 850-651-5100. twistedgrapewinebar.com

Where to Spend Your Happy Hours in Beachcomberland

If your bar isn't listed here, you need to email chris@beachcomberdestin.com immediately!

CAMILLE'S AT CRYSTAL BEACH

2931 Scenic Highway 98 Destin 850-337-8860

When: 3-5 PM daily.

Drink Specials: Lots, including Camille's Signature Sangria. Plus a stunning view of the Gulf.

FISHHEADS

HarborWalk Village

When: 6-8 PM daily.

Drink Specials: \$1 off premium drafts and Drink of the Day.

FOKKER'S PUB

215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1 Fort Walton Beach

850-244-6666

When: 3-7 PM every day except Tuesday (closed).

Drink Specials: \$2 domestic beers, \$3 well drinks (Jack, Jim, Bacardi, etc.), \$3 house wines, \$1 off everything else.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK

34902 Emerald Coast Parkway Destin 850-424-6650

GraffitiFBS.com

When: 4-7 PM daily, late night happy hour Friday and Saturday, 10 PM-midnight.

GRANDE VISTA

Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, Destin 850-337-8100, ext. 1550

When: 4-6 PM daily.

Drink Specials: All drinks half off (except bottles of wine and Drink Special of the Day), plus specially priced apps.

HARRY T'S

HarborWalk Village Destin

850-654-4800

When: Mon.-Fri., 11 AM-7 PM—downstairs bar only.

Drink Specials: Half off drinks.

JACKACUDAS

HarborWalk Village Destin

850-424-3507

When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 PM Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6 PM-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls. **Drink Specials:** Half-price hot sake carafes, house wine pours, select draft beers and select apps, plus \$5 California rolls, spicy krab rolls and crunch salmon rolls.

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE

HarborWalk Village Destin

850-460-7700

When: Monday-Friday, 10 PM-close.

Drink Specials: \$3 14-ounce Bud Light or Landshark draft, \$4 Barefoot cabernet and chardonnay, \$5 "Who's to Blame" margaritas and "5 O'Clock Somewhere" cocktails.

LA PAZ

950 Gulf Shore Drive Destin 850-837-2247

When: 4-6 PM daily.

Drink Specials: \$5 top shelf Margaritas, FREE chips and salsa.

RESTAURANT PARADIS

82 S Barrett Square Rosemary Beach 850-534-0400

Drink Specials: Daily from 5 to 6 PM—New Amsterdam Vodka Martinis for \$5. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 7 PM—\$5 select martinis and \$7 select wines.

SAMMY'S

1224 Santa Rosa Blvd. Fort Walton Beach

When: Early happy hour, 1-6 PM Late night happy hour, 2-4 AM Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.

Drink Specials: Early happy hour—two for \$5 well drinks, \$10 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for \$6 well drinks, \$12 buckets of



beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 AM

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR

1193B Eglin Parkway Shalimar

850-651-5100

When: Monday-Friday, 11 AM-7 PM

Drink Specials: \$1 off all Twisted (house) wines.

It's 4:20 Somewhere

By Dawn Bright

Dear Dawn,

Every year around this time, the term "420" starts popping up. I know what it means, but what I don't know is why is this still a relevant event? Marijuana is slowly being legalized around the country, and medical marijuana is even legal in Florida. This just seems like old news to me.

- Sally W. from Niceville not?

Well, Sally, you're right, this whole marijuana issue has been around for a long time. Did you know cannabis has been consumed in various forms for over 5,000 years? And the term "420" was started back in 1971 by a group of teenagers trying to find a field of abandoned marijuana. They agreed on a spot to meet at 4:20 to start the search, but after several failed attempts, gave up on finding the crop but continued meeting at 4:20 to smoke pot. And that's how the term "420" came about to signify pot-smoking time. And over time, 04/20 became the DAY to protest the fact that marijuana is still illegal, so protesters gather to smoke pot at 4:20 on 4/20.

I'm not a marijuana smoker myself, although I did give it a try once in 1980 and spent an entire evening at Red Rocks in Colorado sobbing at the moon rather than enjoying the concert. It's obviously not for everyone. And it's still illegal here in Florida to smoke marijuana recreationally. But government regulation has historically caused civil unrest, and this is one of those issues that has caused a lot of it. And as long as the government continues to regulate marijuana, "420" will still be a thing, so it is by no means "old news." And if you're interested in joining any 04/20 events, here's a link to some of those activities: https://potguide.com/ florida/marijuana-events.

Dear Dawn,

Recently, I was doing a little shopping on an online site and noticed an ad with a picture of a full-grown man wearing an Easter Bunny costume. Why?

- Bill K. from Fort Walton Beach

Why not, Bill? Costumes are fun! And the Easter Bunny costume is derived from the Easter Bunny delivering eggs on Easter Sunday. You see, rabbits usually give birth to a big litter of babies (called kittens), so they became a symbol of new life. And Easter is the Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection (and new life) of Jesus Christ. So, naturally, legend has it that the Easter Bunny lays, decorates and hides eggs, as they are also a symbol of new life. That guy in the costume? I'm sure he'll be outside at the crack of dawn hiding colored Easter eggs for his kids. Wearing his costume. Why

Dear Dawn,

My boyfriend doesn't talk much. When we go out to dinner, it's normal for the two of us to just sit and eat. Without talking. Do you think this is weird?

- Nancy G. from Destin

It's not that weird, Nancy. It could be he just doesn't have anything to say. I read this one thing that said "maybe he's one of thousands of men searching the Internet for things to converse about." I find it difficult to believe there are thousands of men who give a rat's patootie about finding things to talk about. I can't imagine my boyfriend getting on the Internet to find conversational topics. He's mostly just interested in reading his Facebook page or Twitter to find out what other people have to say about him. And in his case, he isn't a talker either. We can sit for an hour at a restaurant without exchanging a word.

I don't know why your boyfriend is like this, but there are several possibilities. It could be he actually has nothing to talk about. Or he's afraid you'll jump all over him if he does speak up. Or laugh at him. Do your conversations usually go in that direction? Because I'd be prone to clamming up, too, if I were always getting criticized or laughed at. Or maybe he's just trying to be the "strong, silent type." Men get a little weird like that sometimes, trying to project some personified image in order to impress.

If the lack of conversation really bothers you, you need to talk to him about it. Make sure the lines of communication are really open, and that he knows he can talk to you without being criticized, misunderstood or laughed at. And do like I do. If there's something to talk about, you start the conversation. Otherwise, enjoy the meal...and the silence!

Dawn Bright is an eternal optimist. And that's pretty much all you need to know about her. Email your questions to **office@beachcomberdestin.com.**

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AQUARIUS

JAN. 21 - FEB. 19

The full moon in Libra has you wondering—"How could I possibly have screwed up this badly?" Excellent question. In the history of screwing up, you have just posted a real doozy of a month. It all falls apart so quickly, you develop nauseating headaches and some strange sort of stomach ailment.

PISCES

FEB. 20 - MAR. 20

The stars and planets will affect your life in ways that aren't even close to being printable.

ARIES

MAR. 21 - APR. 20

It's your birth month, and the whole world celebrates your presence. Pluto pulls with force, but the stars have little power over your positive attitude and your appreciation of all the beauty in the world.

TAURUS

APR. 21 - MAY 21

Congrats—this month isn't so bad after all. Your incredible gift of helping family and friends is appreciated by all. The love you receive is overwhelming. Your days are glorious, and your evenings filled with laughter, song and wine. You are healthy, happy and wealthy in the glow of reciprocal love.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Saturn plays the solid, conservative planet this month. Take heed. Take no chances—on anything. Caution is your key word. All weekdays pose problems. Lucky number is 1714. The color green doesn't signify money, it portends death and destruction. Careful.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 22

The stars and planets will not affect your life in any way.

LEO

JULY 23 - AUG. 23

Jupiter spirals out of control. Aside from that, you are in for another humdrum period of boredom and ennui. Do not let the senseless path your life has taken dominate your thoughts. That would be counterproductive to your health.

VIRGO

AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23

Finally, a decent forecast. God knows you deserve a break. Pluto is playful this season. So are you. Enjoy childlike wonders and simple pleasures. You'll find peace in the outdoors. You'll enjoy family and friends and wonderful evenings under a peaceful sky. Deep breaths. Next month doesn't look great.

LIBRA

SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23

Your successes are difficult to quantify in part because you've set some sort of world record in terms of a victory streak. It continues. In life, relationships, finances, friendships, health, and love...you are a champion. A special champion unlike any to ever exist in all of history. You manage to take it in stride in your normal, humble manner.

SCORPIO

OCT. 24 - NOV. 22

The stars and planets will not affect your life in any way.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV. 23 - DEC. 21

The stars and planets will hardly affect your life in any way.

CAPRICORN DEC. 22 - JAN. 20

If life hands you lemons, make lemonade. Heard that before? You don't have any idea how to make lemonade, you dunce. Mercury goes direct, and you haven't got a clue what to do about it. Your life spirals this way and that, and you get dizzy and vomit all over everything and then you pass out. Best to lie very still.

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